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'Israel beacon of light'

"Our tangible sacrifices for peace have not been given sufficient recognition." Patt

TORONTO —

The U.S. Marines standing at the gates of the American embassy in Israel will never have to defend that building against attack, a top-ranking member of Prime Minister Begin's cabinet declared here last week.

Gideon Patt, Israel's minister of Commerce, industry and tourism, spoke at an awards luncheon of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, holding its national biennial convention here.

"Amidst the shocking return of the Dark Ages to the Middle East, Israel stands as a beacon of light and a center of sanity," declared Patt.

"Israel's people and the people of America — and I include the Canadian people as well — share a commitment to the values of freedom, human dignity and enlightenment:

"Unfortunately for all of us, this commitment is fast disappearing in the Middle East and increasingly rare in the rest of the world."

In his address, Patt said the world had not given sufficient recognition to Israel's "tangible sacrifices for peace."

He declared: "Here is the price Israel has paid for peace: the return of vast territories, the giving up of oil fields in the Sinai which we developed and which provided nearly one-fourth of our oil needs, the abandonment of settlements and the evacuation of military airfields built at a cost of $5 billion.

"In exchange, Israel has received promises — promises of peaceful relations with Egypt, promises that Egypt will enter into diplomatic relations with us and exchange ambassadors.

"This is the only instance in recorded history in which a victim of military aggression who acquired enemy territory in successfully repulsing attack has voluntarily returned the territory from which the attack came.

"This is precisely what Israel has done — and yet our tangible sacrifices for peace have not been given sufficient recognition."

Patt expressed confidence that formal diplomatic relations would be established by the two countries as scheduled — on Feb. 26, 1980 — and that Egypt would open an embassy in Tel Aviv and Israel would open an embassy in Cairo on that date.

He said that Israel wanted the normalization of relations to mean "more than friendly exchanges between President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin.

"It must also include trade, cultural exchanges, tourism and direct flights from one country to the other," he said.

With the advent of peace with Egypt, Patt said, "Israel must now turn to the great social and economic problems that confront our country."

He said that he was hopeful that the new economic austerity program recently undertaken by the government would bring a halt to the "terrible rate of inflation" in Israel — currently at the rate of 150 per cent per year.

(Ben Lechtman photo)

Rabbi Akiva Egozi, educational director of Associated Hebrew School, helps student Jonathan Koschitzky light a giant Chanukah menorah.

Analysis — One main 'Jewish' issue

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Joe Clark's government has fallen and an election will be held on Feb. 18, 1980.

An unpopular Conservative budget led to the NDP-Liberal non-confidence motion, but a string of broken campaign promises actually triggered the fall of the 40-year-old Albertan, who showed little promise in his six months in office.

For the Jewish community, there is really only one specifically "Jewish" issue — the Arab boycott.

All three major parties are in general agreement about two other issues of concern to Canadian Jewry, the embassy in Israel and the PLO.

The question of the Canadian embassy in Israel is dead, with all three major parties now agreeing that Canada should retain its embassy in Tel Aviv.

The Liberals and the NDP ridiculed the Conservatives' campaign pledge from the outset, calling it opportunistic and unworkable. It wasn't long before the Conservatives came around to that view, too.

But in reneging on his promise, Clark tarnished whatever reputation he may have had, at least in the eyes of the Jewish community. As Rabbi Reuben Slonim put it in a letter in the Toronto Star: "Politicians tend to believe that an ethnic group can be treated as a bloc of votes...it has rarely been that simple and, in the case of the Jews, the matter is especially complicated. In failing to understand this, Clark violated Canadian standards and offended many Jews in the process."

Canada's Middle East policy, and particularly as it pertains to the PLO, will play little part in the election. Jews, of course, will be interested in the positions of the respective parties. But they will find that the Conservatives, Liberals and NDP virtually all agree that Canada should hew to a non-partisan policy insofar as the Middle East is concerned.

Last October, Clark recognized publicly the legitimate grievances of the Palestinians and said Canada would be prepared to consider the Palestine Liberation Organization as their official voice. But he also made it clear that Ottawa would deal with the PLO only if it accepted Israel's right to exist as a state, and if the PLO renounced terrorism and violence.

Clark's announcement constituted Canada's official position on the matter, even though External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald later gave special Middle East envoy Robert Stanfield a free hand to decide whether he should talk to the PLO in the course of his fact-finding mission.

The Liberals and the NDP have not issued any statements contradicting Clark's, and one can safely assume that neither party would recognize the PLO unless the prime minister's two primary conditions were met, and until the U.S. made a move in that direction.

Thus, the Arab boycott issue is the only "Jewish" issue that may be contested in the election.

In the 1979 campaign, the Conservatives declared they would enact tough anti-boycott legislation to ensure that Canadian Jews would not be victimized by discriminatory contracts. But by last October the proposed federal bill to counter the boycott had been dumped from the government's legislative agenda. It was not even mentioned in the Throne Speech when Parliament convened.

Speculation in Ottawa was that the bill would not be presented for consideration until Robert Stanfield published his second fact-finding report in February of 1980.

The delay caused some disquiet in the Jewish community. The Canada-Israel Committee characterized the pending legislation as a Canadian human rights issue, adding that its linkage with the Stanfield mission would create "needless complexities and delay" in the passage of the bill.

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Election message

The following message to the Jewish community in regards to the upcoming election was adopted by the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, at its Montreal meeting last Sunday:

"With the calling of a general election, CJC wishes to re-iterate its traditional position, that Canadian Jews participate as individuals in all political parties, as citizens of our democracy.

"We encourage members of our community to involve themselves vigorously in the political process."

Community is alienated

"I was surprised and somewhat upset that Rabbi Schindler raised the issue here." Fields

By DAVID BIRKAN AND JANICE ARNOLD

Serious flaws were pointed out by Canadian religious leaders in Rabbi Alexander Schindler's proposal to recognize automatically as Jewish the children of non-Jewish mothers in mixed marriages. As well, its presentation at the recent 55th biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held in Toronto, resulted in embarrassment among Canadian delegates.

"I was surprised and somewhat upset that Rabbi Schindler raised the issue here," said Rabbi Harvey Fields, spiritual leader of Holy Blossom Temple and chairman of the Toronto Association of Reform Rabbis. "I feel that the matter of Jewish status ought to be considered appropriately by the Central Conference of American Reform Rabbis," he told The Canadian Jewish News.

Rabbi Fields explained that the local Reform leadership was involved in negotiations with its Orthodox and Conservative counterparts over "a number of delicate issues," which Rabbi Schindler's pronouncement could imperil.

As well, "to have raised the issue in the context of Jewish survival, as he did, and not to have addressed himself to the considerations of Jewish family life, education and the synagogue, was irresponsible."

Rabbi Fields described the proposal itself as "not altogether a new issue," noting that "Reform Judaism allows for latitude" in the interpretation and implementation of traditional Jewish practices.

Rabbi Gunther W. Plaut, retired spiritual leader of Holy Blossom, and the leading spokesman for Canadian Reform Jewry, alluded in his remarks to an opening plenary at the UAHC to differences among congregations. "We are no less 'Reform' than Americans, but we have on occasion our own Canadian perspectives when it comes to questions of personal status and conversion." A predecessor, Abraham Feinberg, now Holy Blossom's rabbi emeritus, used to perform mixed marriages. This practise was discontinued.

Rabbi Bernard Bloomstone of Temple Emanu-El in Montreal told The CJN that he accepted Schindler's Project Outreach totally. "I'm not so much concerned with numbers but with quality...with building a strong Jewish community.

"I think if we meet individuals halfway we might be able to attract the kind of quality that will strengthen the community," said Bloomstone, who was the only Montreal rabbi attending the Toronto conference. Bloomstone is president of the Canadian Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The president of the Quebec Region of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of Canada, Rabbi Jerome Wolicki of Congregation Beth Ora, said "halachic law is so clear on this issue we can't even consider discussing whether the children of Jewish fathers should be considered Jews.

"Years ago Ben-Gurion raised the question 'who is a Jew?' which resulted in the book **Jewish Identity.** The response to the question showed no desire to tamper with the law. I think it would be a dangerous process to start," he said.

Wolicki also feels that a non-Jewish mother could not be expected to maintain a traditional Jewish home or to impart to her children a true Jewish identity.

Schindler's proposal would not stem assimilation, in Wolicki's view, but actually "open the door" to greater intermarriage.

The chairman of the Commission on Marriage and the Family of Canadian Jewish Congress' religious affairs department, Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat of the Conservative Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, rejected the proposal on halachic grounds, too.

The Chief Rabbi of the Montreal Sephardic community, David Sabbah, gave an "absolute no" to Schindler's idea and, like Wolicki, said it would only speed up assimilation. "There would be much more intermarriage," he said. "Many mixed couples say when they get married that they will bring up their children as Jews, but never do later on."

Toronto's leading Orthodox rabbi, Gedalia Felder, dismissed out of hand the suggested reinterpretation of what is known as the law of descent among Jewish scholars. Rabbi Felder is a leading expert on conversion and adoption and an author of an internationally acclaimed book of response on the subject.

"The law is not man-made, it is divine. It is one of those things which can't be changed," he said.

A child of a non-Jewish mother would simply not be considered a Jew, he said. He termed such proposed changes in basic rabbinic laws as the reason and not the cure for intermarriage.

Rabbi David Schochet, spiritual leader of Toronto's Lubavitcher s, called Rabbi Schindler's proposal "completely out of the framework of Halacha." It would be as relevant, he said, as declaring that "all people with brown eyes are Jews." Rabbi Schindler's proposal has nothing to do with the criteria of Jewish identification established thousands of years ago, according to Rabbi Schochet.

Referring to the assimilation sparked by, among other things, those who abandoned Jewish practises and traditions, Rabbi Schochet said: "They have created the problem in the first place, and obviously they need a solution. The proposal does not go to the root of the cause. If it's only numbers that's the goal, then the proposal would just at best switch one problem for another."

Schochet said that Rabbi Schindler and his supporters represent a more extreme view in the Reform movement, but one that is nonetheless as valid as any other internal expression. "If the sanctity of the Jewish traditions and practises are not acknowledged and respected, anyone can come in and change them, once a week if he wants. There can be no unity in practise without the recognition that the Torah was God-given."

Rabbi David Monson, spiritual leader of Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue, a Conservative congregation, said he was opposed to Rabbi Schindler's proposal because "it is breaking a practise that goes to the very beginning of the Jewish people. If they should pass it, they'll split the Jewish people into two camps." Rabbi Monson originally received an Orthodox smicha, and maintains a strong interest in community co-operation.

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg, spiritual leader of Toronto's largest Conservative congregation, the Beth Tzedec, said that implementing Rabbi Schindler's proposal "would be a tragic error. It would transform the Reform Movement from one of the three tendencies within Judaism into a schismatic movement."

(David Groskind photo)

Elisheva Scharf, 4, of Eitz Chaim School, is tickled with joy in receiving silver necklace from clown Sharon Stolero. She won prize at a Chanukah party sponsored by Lubavitch movement. Event took place at Northview Heights School.

INSIDIOUSNESS OF TERRORIST METHODS INCLUDES SUPPRESSION OF MORALITY

By PAUL JOHNSON

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. —

The increasing threat which terrorism holds for our civilization is in many respects more serious than the risk of nuclear war, the population explosion, global pollution or the exhaustion of the earth's resources. It is an international offensive, an open, declared war against civilization itself, which can be defeated only by an international alliance of the civilized powers.

The impact of terrorism, not merely on individual nations but on humanity as a whole, is intrinsically evil, necessarily and wholly evil and for a number of demonstrable reasons. What follows are what I call the Seven Deadly Sins of Terrorism.

The first deadly sin of terrorism is the moral justification of murder not merely as a means to an end, but for its own sake. The modern terrorist does not employ violence as a necessary evil but as a desirable form of activity. The present wave of terrorism springs not only from the Leninist and Trotskyist justification of violence but from the postwar philosophy of violence derived from Nietzsche through Heidegger, and enormously popularized by Jean Paul Sartre, his colleagues and disciples. No one since the war has done more to legitimize violence on the left.

Some of those influenced by Sartre have gone much further, notably, Franz Fanon, whose most influential work, **The Wretched of the Earth,** prefaced by Sartre, has probably played a larger part in spreading terrorism in the Third World than any other tract. "Violence alone, violence committed by the people, violence organized and educated by its leaders," write Fanon, "makes it possible for the masses to understand social truths and gives the key to them." The notion of "organized and educated violence," conducted by the elite, is, of course, the formula for terrorism. Fanon goes further: "At the level of individuals, violence is a cleansing force. It frees the oppressed from his inferiority complex and from his despair and inaction."

It is precisely this line of thought — that violence is positive and creative — which enables the terrorists to perform their horrifying acts. The same argument — almost word for word — was used by Hitler.

The second sin is the deliberate suppression of the moral instincts in man. Terrorist organizers have found that it is not enough to give their recruits intellectual justifications for murder: their instinctive humanity has to be systematically blunted. In the Russia of the 1870s and 1880s, the **Neznavhalie** terror group (the word means "without any authority") favored what they termed "motiveless terror" and regarded any murder as a "progressive action."

Both the Arab and the Irish terror groups of the 1970s have drifted in this direction. Once indiscriminate terror is adopted, the group rapidly suffers moral disintegration; the abandonment of any system of moral criteria becomes an essential element in its training.

The third sin is the rejection of politics as the normal means by which communities resolve conflicts. To terrorists, violence is a substitute for the entire political process. The Arab terrorists, the IRA, the Baader-Meinhof gang in Germany, the Red Army in Japan and elsewhere have never shown any desire to engage in that process. They reject the mainstream of western thinking, based on the social-contract theorists like Hobbes and Locke who saw politics as an essential part of the basic machinery of civilization.

The fourth deadly sin is that terrorism actively, systematically and necessarily assists the spread of the totalitarian state. The countries which finance and maintain the international infrastructure of terrorism and provide terrorists refuge and havens, training camps and bases, money, arms and diplomatic support are, without exception, totalitarian states, whose governments rule by military and police force. International terrorism and the various terrorist movements it services are entirely dependent on the continuing good will and active support of police states. Sustained by the totalitarian tank, the torture-chamber, the lash and the secret policeman, the terrorist is the beneficiary of the Gulag Archipelago.

The fifth deadly sin is that terrorism distinguishes between lawful and totalitarian states in favor of the latter. It can destroy a democracy, as it destroyed Lebanon, but it cannot destroy a totalitarian state. All it can do is to transform a nation struggling towards progress and legality into a nightmare of oppression and violence. The ultimate base of terrorism is in the totalitarian world, where its money, training, arms and protection come from.

The sixth deadly sin is that terrorism exploits the apparatus of freedom in liberal societies and thereby endangers it. In meeting the threat of terrorism, a free society must defend itself. But that very process of arming itself against the danger within threatens the freedoms, decencies and standards which make it civilized. Terrorism is a direct and continuous threat to all the protective devices of a free society: to freedom of the press and the media; to the rule of law; to **habeas corpus;** to the continuous process of humanizing the legal code; to the civilizing of prisons; to any system designed to curb excesses by the police, prison authorities or other restraining forces in society.

The seventh and deadliest sin of terrorism is that it saps the will of a civilized society to defend itself. Even today we find governments negotiating with terrorists — negotiations aimed not at destroying or disarming the terrorists, for such negotiations may sometimes be necessary, but in acceding, at least in part, to their demands.

We find governments providing ransom money to terrorists, or permitting private individuals to provide such money. We find governments releasing convicted criminals in response to terrorist demands or according terrorists the status, rights, advantages and legitimacy of negotiating partners.

We find governments according terrorists convicts the official and privileged status of political prisoners, always and everywhere a blunder of the first magnitude. We also find governments surrendering to demands — an invariable, well-organized part of terrorist strategy — for official or international inquiries into alleged ill-treatment of terrorist suspects.

We find governments failing, time and again, in their duty to persuade the public — and here is the real heart of the matter — that terrorists are not misguided politicians: they are first, last and all the time, criminals — extraordinary criminals, indeed, in that they are exceptionally dangerous and pose a threat not merely to the individuals they murder without compunction but to the whole fabric of society. In short, the seventh, and deadliest, sin of terrorism lies in its attempt to induce civilization to commit suicide.

In sum, terrorism is not static; it is an increasing threat. Not only is the international infrastructure of terrorism becoming better organized and more efficient, but the terrorists' own sights have been raised. By helping to destroy the legal government of Iran, for example, they have secured a new base and access to formidable sources of finance and arms. They are now a factor in the struggle for control of the oil supplies of the Middle East.

Who can doubt, after their success in Iran, that the terrorists will be emboldened to attempt the subversion of the even wealthier nation of Saudi Arabia? That state is already a major contributor — perhaps the largest — to terrorist funds; but that is no guarantee of immunity to attack. On the contrary, we cannot rule out the possibility that terrorists may one day secure direct access to Saudi wealth through a revolutionary government they help install.

Other oil-states on the Gulf are even more vulnerable targets.

World News

(Mike Goldberg photo)

Moshe Feldman of plant genetic department, Weizmann Institute, examines high-protein wild wheat species.

Wheat species could alleviate hunger in Third World

'Missing link' found by scientists

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

REHOVOT, ISRAEL —

An Israeli scientist who has just discovered a primitive but important species of wheat says that his genetic strain may alleviate hunger in parts of the Third World and possibly double Israel's current output of wheat.

Moshe Feldman, a plant geneticist at the Weizmann Institute of Science, claims that plants ripening in test fields could be the forerunners of a family of wheats which could help solve the nutritional problems of impoverished nations, and enable Israeli farmers in the Negev to utilize desert land that they never dreamed of using.

By the spring of 1980, Feldman and his associate, Lydia Avivi, may be in Egypt, advising officials there how to increase their wheat yield. "Both Israel and Egypt can benefit from our research," the 46-year-old occupant of the Marshall and Edith Korshak Chair in Plant Cytogenetics says in an interview. "It could be a good example of scientific collaboration. I certainly hope it grows."

Feldman's new plant is said to be the long sought "missing link" in the evolution of all cultivated bread wheat. It represents an entirely untapped genetic wheat stock, being drought and disease resistant, and bulging with protein.

Breeding work on the new species, Triticum searsii, named after a renowned American pioneer in the study of wheat, is now underway at the Weizmann Institute. Feldman identified it last year.

The wild plant is one of three whose genetic characteristics give present-day wheat its special properties. Selective breeding to improve or modify wheat had been hampered until Feldman's discovery, because only two of its forebears — Triticum monococcum and Triticum tauschil — had been known to science.

These two contribute in part to winter hardiness, disease resistance and baking qualities. But Feldman's strain is largely responsible for protein content and drought resistance, both very important in the ThirdWorld.

According to Feldman, food experts have shown that the cheapest and most effective way of raising protein consumption in underdeveloped regions of Africa and Asia would be to upgrade the protein content of wheat — the staple cereal for most of mankind.

It is for this reason that agronomists have been studying protein content in cultivated wheats for nearly 20 years.

The story leading to the identification of Triticum searsii began in the early 1960s, when Feldman noticed an odd-looking wild wheat plant in an empty lot of the Hebrew University, where he was studying.

He identified it as a small-eared variety of the well-known Triticum longissimum, and put it away for further study. Some years later, he encountered the species again. Collaborating with a Bar-Ilan University taxonomist, Moredechai Kislev, Feldman examined the species closely, and concluded that it was really new to science.

Several years have elapsed since then, and today, Feldman is engaged in simulating nature by synthesizing bread wheat in the laboratory from its component primitive wheats — Triticum monococcum (A), Triticum searsii (B) and Triticum tauschli (D).

Feldman, whose work is funded by foundations in Holland and West Germany and by the U.S. department of agriculture, says the plant could then be suitable for genetic cross-breeding, either with existing strains or with other wild varieties. The end result might be a high protein flour, manufactured from a disease and drought-resistant wheat, which could be introduced into the existing inadequate diet of the world's hungry millions.

As for its application in Israel, Feldman, a Sabra, says: "We can potentially double our wheat growing area in the country. At the moment, Israel produces up to half of its wheat. With the new species, we can become self-sufficient in wheat, though this could take between five and 50 years."

Furthermore, if a salt-resistant wheat can be produced, farmers can irrigate it with brackish water found in the desert. There is enough such water for at least 100 years, in Feldman's estimation.

In the past, Feldman has worked with an Egyptian plant geneticist while on sabbatical at the University of Missouri, and he hopes to renew this tie within a few months' time, following the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Egypt.

At first, both men found it strange to be talking to each other and sharing scientific information. "Our sons had been in the army, so there was some strain at the beginning," he recalls. "But after three days, he told me he had more in common with me than he had with American scientists."

Feldman believes he could contribute much to his Egyptian colleagues, as research work in this field is not well advanced in the Arab world.

Just over 10 years ago, he spent two years at the University of Manitoba, studying the crossing of rye and wheat and the pattern of chromosomal arrangement in somatic cells of common wheat.

"I learned very much from them," he says of his experience in Winnipeg.

With his new discovery in the pantheon of plant genetics, Moshe Feldman may now be able to teach Canadian scientists a thing or two about wheat. He says he has already sent samples of his new wheat to Agriculture Canada.

It could be the beginning of a fruitful and growing relationship.

THE STOLLMAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

New Canadian Ambassador to Israel, Joe Stanford [fifth from left] and his wife [eighth from left] visit Bar-Ilan University in Israel with a delegation from Canada. Woman on extreme right is Lucy Edwards, cultural attache of the Canadian embassy in Tel Aviv.

Sid Starkman named to UIA Ontario post

By BEVERLEY STERN

Jews in the smaller towns and cities outside of Toronto are very special to Sidney Starkman.

As newly appointed chairman of the Ontario Region, United Israel Appeal (UIA), his message to them is that they should be proud of their record as the largest fund-raising region in UIA outside of large cities such as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Last year the Ontario region pulled in $2½ million for UIA.

Starkman, a former president of Adath Israel Congregation and a veteran UJA campaigner, is the owner of the popular Chicago '58 line of food products. Starting with his father-in-law, he has been in the business for 35 years.

When canvassing, Starkman often hits the road with Ben Okopnick, executive director of Ontario Region, UIA.

Driving up on Sunday to Kitchener, Windsor and other places, they arrive arms full of fresh bagels, cream cheese and lox from Toronto. "Maybe that's why we get such a warm reception," Starkman comments lightly. "But whenever we come, we always feel welcomed with open arms."

"Jewish people outside of the large cities are often cut-off from Jewish organizational activity. For them, a newspaper like The CJN or a visiting speaker from UIA is almost a lifeline.

"They show strong Jewish commitments," he continued. "This is on top of the civic responsibilities they assume. Some are mayors and reeves. On the whole, they are very well-integrated into community life."

Starkman is especially pleased about the response to Project Renewal, the project set up to alleviate 160 pockets of poverty in Israel that has spilled into violence into Israel's streets as well as splitting the country between the Ashkenazi and the Sephardim.

"The Project Renewal campaign which asks for special funds over and above traditional UIA pledges has so far won half a million dollars in pledges, and we are hoping for another $250,000 before we are finished," Starkman reported proudly.

One couple in Kingston, he said, had a 25th wedding anniversary in which they asked all their guests to make donations to Project Renewal rather than sending personal gifts.

Sidney Starkman

There is only one wrinkle in Starkman's new responsibilities. "The smaller communities of Jews are getting even smaller. People are moving to the larger cities.

"For UIA," he says, "this means that the Ontario Region is on a treadmill, continually having to run faster just to stay at the same rate of pledges that it had before."

Starkman started out in Jewish communal work at the age of 17 when he became an AZA president. He later became president of B'nai B'rith Young Men, and then launched into fund-raising for the UJA as divisional chairman, chairman of synagogues and organizations, and chairman of the food division.

He was also a divisional chairman for United Appeal.

Starkman has a wife, Mittie, and four daughters, Friedl, Gail and Elka and Masha.

Rejectionists threat to peace

UNITED NATIONS [JTA] —

Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, warned that the "rejectionists' Eastern Front" — combining the armed forces of Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia — is "the most ominous threat to peace in the Middle East."

Addressing the General Assembly's debate on the situation in the Mideast, Blum stated: "The vast quantities of the latest and most sophisticated weapons in the possession of these states will undoubtedly be augmented in time of war from the enormous arsenals available to them among the remaining rejectionist Arab states."

The Arab states "have today 500,000 more men under arms than has NATO and three times the artillery of the combined NATO forces," Blum said, adding, "They also have 3,000 more tanks and several hundred more conbat aircraft than NATO."

According to Blum, the Eastern Front alone is currently equivalent to NATO in manpower and tanks and already has twice as much artillery. The Israeli envoy also claimed that "in terms of airpower, the Arab states, by 1980, will equal the combined Warsaw Pact forces and will be double that of NATO or three times that of the People's Republic of China. In terms of ground forces the Arab states have today almost as many tanks as the United States of America and more artillery than it."

Blum charged that the massive build-up of arms on the Eastern Front "has been accompanied by a diplomatic offensive here at the United Nations to secure Judaea and Samaria as a forward base from which the rejectionist states and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) might be able to realize their dream, a war of annihilation against Israel." Israel, Blum said, is aware of the threats to its security and therefore will not risk its own existence by agreeing to the establishment of a PLO state.

No CJN Dec. 27

Due to the post office holiday schedule, there will not be an issue of The Canadian Jewish News, December 27.

Canadian election and Jewry

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Rabbi Gunther Plaut, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, observed that any boycott legislation should not be tied to matters concerning the Middle East.

Former prime minister, Pierre Trudeau, said in a debate in the House of Commons that the embassy question had left the Conservatives immobilized on the boycott. "The main priority of the Jewish community of Canada is to protect their civil rights against any boycott threat from the Arab countries," he remarked. "Yet at this time, precisely due to the growing opposition aroused by this government's policy in this (embassy) matter, the public is not as willing to support anti-boycott legislation as it was before..."

The Liberals had introduced their own boycott bill in the last Parliament, before Clark's accession to power. Bill C-32 would have required firms in Canada to report to the government any contracts which contained boycott clauses. The Conservatives didn't back the bill, arguing for stronger legislation comparable to that passed by Ontario.

When they were in office, the Liberals appeared quite reluctant to pass binding boycott legislation, in the opinion of observers. Their existing guidelines were viewed by the Jewish community as weak and full of convenient loopholes.

And the Liberals' last trade minister, Jack Horner, precipitated a furor by suggesting that Canada had lost valuable sales in Saudi Arabia because of Ontario's boycott legislation: "That legislation," he asserted, "is costing us trade, causing difficulty in the banking fraternity and has businessmen very concerned."

In an interview published in the Toronto Star last autumn, Pierre Trudeau confused Liberal Party faithful by warning that continuing pressure by Jewish leaders over anti-boycott legislation and the transfer of Canada's embassy in Israel could stir anti-Semitism in the country.

The NDP, for its part, has said it would support effective boycott legislation.

All told, it would seem that neither the Liberals nor the Conservatives, which have the best chances of forming the next government, are keen about passing potent boycott legislation.

The energy crisis, together with Canada's growing commercial involvement in the Arab Middle East, all point to one fact: the unwillingness of any government in Ottawa to enact boycott legislation worth more than a dime.

Canadian Jews will have to ponder these considerations when they go to the polling booth on Feb. 18.

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Network student activists unify diverse groups

By BEVERLEY STERN

Forget about the cliche of alienated youth and the Me Generation.

At least when you talk about Network, the independent umbrella organization of Jewish students, young adults and their groups across North America.

"An organization committed to political activism on major Jewish issues, Network in Canada has worked nothing less than a "student revolution" amongst young Jewish adults, according to Network chairman, Simcha Jacobovici.

"We have built a grass-roots organization which not only cuts right across regional barriers, but also across old religious and secular differences," he declares.

Started in the United States in 1969, Network came to Canada just less than two years ago under the leadership of Israeli-born Jacobovici and a core of volunteers.

Jacobovici, 26, still an Israeli citizen, graduated from McGill University with a master's degree in philosophy and political science. After a return to Israel for his army service, he came back to Toronto to do graduate doctoral studies in political science at the University of Toronto.

With Jacobovici at the helm, Network in Canada grew to about 1,000 members between the ages of 18-29.

During this time, it has demonstrated for Soviet Jewry at Massey Hall, co-ordinated campus rallies across Canada against the West German statute of limitations for Nazi war criminals, helped organize a Holocaust Remembrance Torchlight rally in Toronto which drew 700 people, and launched a National Jerusalem Day in Canadian universities with programs of speakers, films and information tables.

Sometimes, incidents are provoked.

At the Ottawa University, Jerusalem Day was challenged and broken up by four Arab students wielding guns (no one knows if the guns were loaded). They created further confusion by overturning one of the infomation tables. Not to be undone by this interruption, the next week Toronto university students bussed out and helped Ottawa students set up another Jerusalem Day.

Innovative as well as determined, Network even staged plays to get its point across. Early in November at Convocation Hall on the U of T campus, it produced **The Trial of Anatoly Scharansky** to publicize its campaign for Soviet Jewry. The play is now also being produced in South Africa and Australia.

It also acts outside of Jewish concerns.

Last August, long before the Chinese Vietnamese refugees became a fashionable cause celebre, Network reps in Toronto politicized the Chinese communities both in Toronto and Ottawa. Combining forces, they sparked a huge rally in Ottawa outside the Vietnamese embassy which that night appeared on nation-wide TV.

Network's headquarters are located in Toronto on the second floor of the Jewish Community Centre at Bloor and Spadina. Acting as a resource centre — particularly for its five task forces set up on Zionism, Soviet Jewry, Falashas (black Ethiopian Jews wanting to emigrate to Israel); media monitoring and Holocaust-related activities such as neo-Nazism and the prosecution of war criminals in Canada — Network helps campus groups to get speakers, films and information.

The office is run by Jackie Silverberg, Network's executive director. A graduate of the faculty of education at the University of Toronto, Ms. Silverberg also majored in political science and psychology and worked as a Network volunteer before becoming a paid professional.

"The secret of our success," she remarks, "is that we are an all-student and young adult organization. We run our own show and determine our own programs. We are geared for education and political action — much to the dismay of some in the community who would prefer if we just became a bagels and brunch crowd."

Simcha Jacobovici

Jacqueline Silverberg

Network representatives are now on practically every campus across Canada, says Ms. Silverberg. Working in co-operation with existing Jewish student groups and organizations, they try to stimulate programs on any one of the task force's five areas.

Each task force, Ms. Silverberg explains, has a national chairman who is responsible for co-ordinating strategy, programs, events and resources. The purpose of each task force is to educate internally within the ranks, raise public awareness and mount a program for action. It all takes a lot of time and energy, and change comes very slowly, she affirms.

In the last election, Network reps polled leading political candidates about the prosecution of Nazi war criminals in Canada. They got public statements from Prime Minister Joe Clark, opposition leader Pierre Trudeau, and NDP leader Ed Broadbent. Now armed with those same statements — and commitments — Network is going back to the politicians.

This past April through to May, Network in both Canada and the U.S., sponsored Zeharias Yona on the first North American speaking tour of a Falasha. Visiting 30 cities across the continent for six weeks, Yona spoke to Jewish communities.

The best response came from youth. Out West, new action groups calling themselves Canadian Friends of Ethiopian Jews were formed. Also, a group of young Ontario campers, ages 12-14, were visited by the eloquent Falasha and subsequently wrote letters to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin urging him to bring the Falashas to Israel.

Where Falashas had been a non-issue in the North American Jewish community, now their concerns had high visibility.

"But much to our dismay," remarks Falasha task force chairman, lawyer Harvey Weinberg, "there was little positive action from Jewish leadership either in North America or Israel."

Last September, Network representatives who were in Israel for the World Union of Jewish Students Congress, spoke to members of Begin's cabinet as well as the civil service. They received a courteous, but silent response to the Falasha issue, Weinberg comments.

"We are now at a cross-roads," he admits frankly. "First of all, we wanted to keep the Falasha issue entirely within the Jewish community because exposure in the non-Jewish media of Israel's indifference to the Falashas could be very embarassing."

If Network doesn't get a response soon, Weinberg states, it will take the unprecedented step of bringing the whole matter to the attention of the secular media — a move which it will regret but will be forced into doing, it feels.

Such important decisions as going out into public media to advertise Falasha concerns may well be the stuff of the upcoming North American convention in Washington this Dec. 23-27 for students all across the U.S. and Canada.

With a full line-up of speakers such as professor Emile Fackenheim and Irwin Cotler and Howard Stanislawski from the Canada-Israel Committee, combined with U.S. leaders in politics, academics and world affairs, the convention will not only be looking at the hot political potatoes of Jewish concerns in the Soviet Union, Israel and North America but Jewish art and changing women's roles as well.

The all-inclusive price for the trip is $150 which includes bus transportation, food, accommodation as well as sessions, entertainment and a guided tour of Washington.

Students or young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 interested in attending should call Jackie Silverberg at 928-9160.

It's a bargain price, says Ms. Silverberg, and a great opportunity to meet hundreds of Jewish students and young adults from across the entire spectrum of Jewish identification.

The Holocaust as a fashionable mode

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The Holocaust is a fashionable subject in books, films and television and Elie Wiesel, the conscience of the survivors, is of two minds about this development.

"I'm bothered and pleased by it," the gaunt, angelic-voiced writer said last week in an appearance at the Jewish Book Fair, held at the Jewish Community Centre.

Most works on the Holocaust, he told a capacity audience craning to hear his every utterance, are written or filmed at the expense of depth and authenticity.

And even he has treaded carefully, he admitted. Of his 19 books, only four have had a Holocaust theme. The author of such novels as **Night** and **Legends of Our Time** confessed that all writers must feel somewhat inadequate when they approach this tragic period in Jewish history.

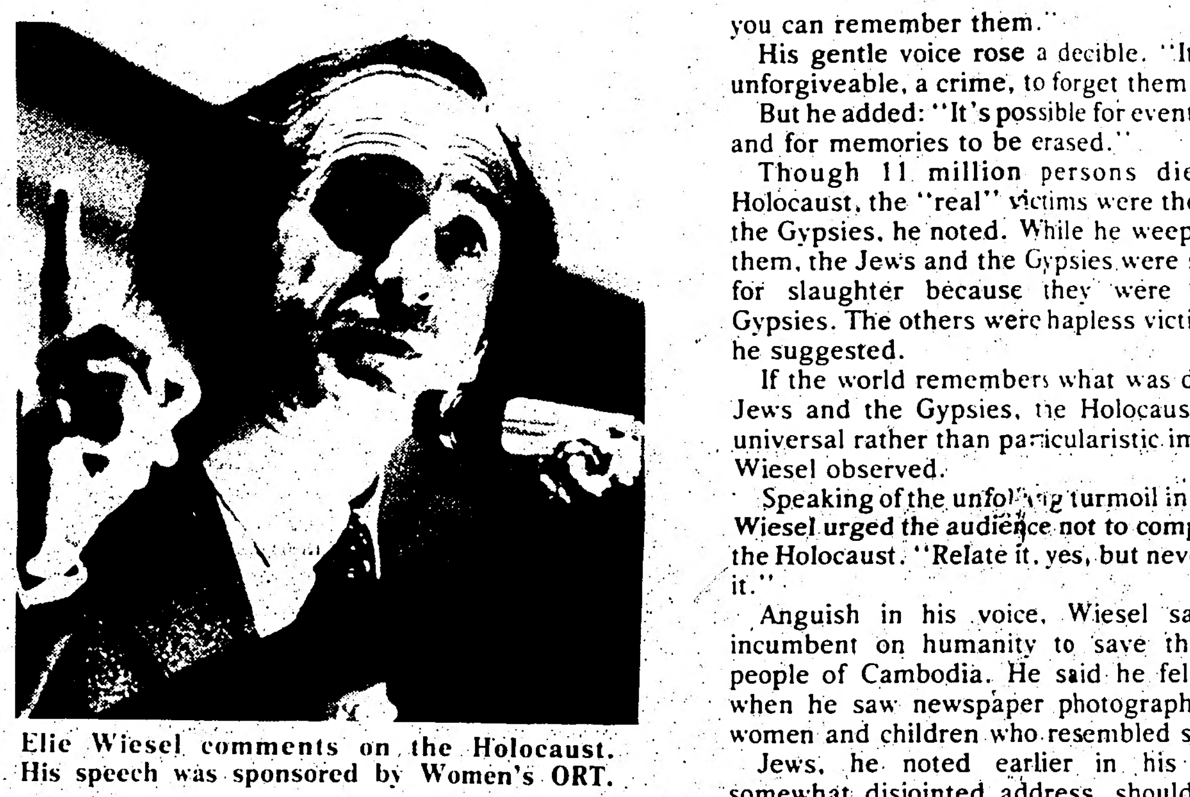
Wiesel, who takes words and gives them a destiny, said some events cannot be turned into prose or poetry. They remain the shadows of the unknown, beyond man's comprehension.

He said he is afraid of cheapening the Holocaust. "I want it to remain a special area. I rarely teach it in my classrooms. I don't want it to become a discipline."

A survivor himself, a Romanian Jew whose family perished in the fire of the Holocaust, Wiesel said he was nevertheless gratified that some people still remember it.

Sounding a warning, Wiesel declared that a civilization which does not respect or learn from the past is doomed and unworthy of survival.

But he conceded that only survivors can ever understand the full meaning of the Holocaust. "We can't identify with what happened in the Holocaust", he observed in his Romanian accent redolent of Hebrew and French. "Only those who were there know. You'll never know the whole story. You cannot."



Elie Wiesel comments on the Holocaust. His speech was sponsored by Women's ORT.

To come close to grasping the horror of the Holocaust, a person must befriend a survivor and learn all about him or her. "You will live a double life in the best sense of the word and in this way you can remember them."

His gentle voice rose a decible. "It would be unforgiveable, a crime, to forget them," he said.

But he added: "It's possible for events to be lost and for memories to be erased."

Though 11 million persons died in the Holocaust, the "real" victims were the Jews and the Gypsies, he noted. While he weeps for all of them, the Jews and the Gypsies were singled out for slaughter because they were Jews and Gypsies. The others were hapless victims of war, he suggested.

If the world remembers what was done to the Jews and the Gypsies, the Holocaust can have universal rather than particularistic implications, Wiesel observed.

Speaking of the unfolding turmoil in Cambodia, Wiesel urged the audience not to compare it with the Holocaust. "Relate it, yes, but never compare it."

Anguish in his voice, Wiesel said it was incumbent on humanity to save the starving people of Cambodia. He said he felt ashamed when he saw newspaper photographs of men, women and children who resembled skeletons.

Jews, he noted earlier in his rambling, somewhat disjointed address, should never be indifferent to sin and suffering. "If our people enter a period of indifference, I swear to you that we'll disappear."

He expressed confidence that Jewish tradition, combined with external factors, would enable Jews to be sensitive to the suffering around them.

Wiesel remarked that "we live in a world filled with madness...and intolerance." Characterizing the hostage-taking incident in Iran as an episode out of the Middle Ages, he lambasted Ayatollah Khomeini as "an old man who moves his finger and ignites a mob...Somehow, it's inconceivable to see a Jewish mob shouting death, death."

The chaos in Iran, he emphasized, is the result of indifference. Jews should have taken objection to the Shah's brutal regime, but they did not because he was on good terms with Israel. Not wishing to be self-righteous, Wiesel said he understood that.

Khomeini, he went on, is "bent on shaming and humiliating" the U.S. "And who knows whether things will not get out of hand and ignite another world war...?

After the Second World War, Holocaust survivors naively believed that war and racism and anti-Semitism had been eradicated. But, 34 years later, the world is endangered again, he said.

Conversion only the start of a long process of identification, convert tells huge gathering

By BEVERLY STERN

TORONTO —

It took a long time after her formal conversation to Judaism before she could identify as a Jew, Lydia Kukoff, a convert to Judaism 15 years ago, said recently.

Ms. Kukoff, 37, is a key member of the Reform Outreach Task Force appointed last year by the Reform movement in the United States to reach out to the converted and non-converted.

The dark, striking brunette, who has a masters degree from Hebrew Union College, spoke before 3000 delegates gathered in Toronto for the 55th biennial assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the 32nd biennial of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The convention, which was the largest assembly of Jews ever held in Canada, took place at the Sheraton Centre and the Hotel Toronto.

David Belin from Des Moines, outreach task force chairman, told his audience of synagogue officials, federation leaders, homemakers, judges, mayors, congressmen and business persons that the outreach program constituted a "major historic experience in Jewish history."

Belin, who is a lawyer, said that the task force of 25 members, appointed last year, included rabbis, lay leaders, converted Jews and the children of both converted and non-converted.

With an intermarriage rate in the U.S. of 40%, it was time, he remarked, that Judaism started paying attention not only to the problems but to the opportunities intermarriage provided for making Judaism stronger than ever.

Belin announced that the task force was considering in-depth consideration of the following four groups: (1) those who had already converted (2) the non-Jewish partners in mixed marriages (3) children of mixed marriages who have no religious preferences, and (4) those non-Jews who "affirmatively" come forward and express interest in Judaism.

The Reform movement was also taking notice of the "vast army of unaffiliated Jews" which up until now has remained largely anonymous, Belin added.

Ms. Kukoff, now a member of Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles, eloquently reinforced Belin's urgent call for support systems which would help the converted Jew through the difficult post-conversion process.

An Italian Baptist from southern Philadelphia, Ms. Kukoff revealed that she converted to Judaism at the age of 22 before marrying a Jew of Orthodox background.

For a long time disenchanted with her own faith both at the theological and emotional levels, Ms. Kukoff told The CJN in an interview that she was drawn to Judaism even before she met her husband.

She converted on her own initiative after her engagement, and not from any pressure from either her husband or his family, she revealed. But, she added, she knew that conversion was important to them.

She noted frankly, however, that conversion did not mean that "the heavens magically opened up and conferred on me an instant Jewish identity. It just can't happen overnight," she emphasized. "It is a process which takes a lot of time and effort."

She cautioned that even though she had now found her place in the Jewish world, her "success story" was the exception.

"We must reach out more to those newly converted," she said. "They feel frustrated and left out. While technically part of the faith, they are still not ready to walk alone.

"Converts are not only adopting a religion but a people, and lack of attention dooms them as resident aliens. They wonder when and if they will ever feel Jewish, and insecurity is all the more magnified when suffered in silence."

She repeatedly urged the need for support systems that will not only add to the convert's knowledge of laws, customs and history — but will also provide coping skills for all the inter-personal dilemmas that arise.

"One of the most serious issues," she disclosed, "was the natural grieving process of the non-Jewish families. They suffer deep feelings of loss and rejection, and it is important to assure them they are still loved."

It is a sensitive task to grow in your own Jewishness without hurting the non-Jewish family, she stressed.

Although she emphasized that her own husband and his family were loving and accepting, many others often feel threatened by the convert who often knows more than they do. She suggested that those who were secure and comfortable in their Judaism were less inclined to feel jeopardized.

Ms. Kukoff further observed that Jewish spouses often feel ambivalent and torn about their non-Jewish partners. Not wanting to push, they are

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Lydia Kukoff talks about being Jewish.

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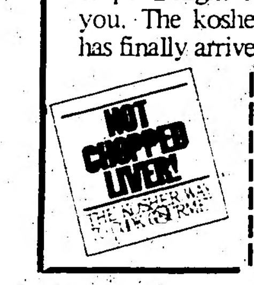

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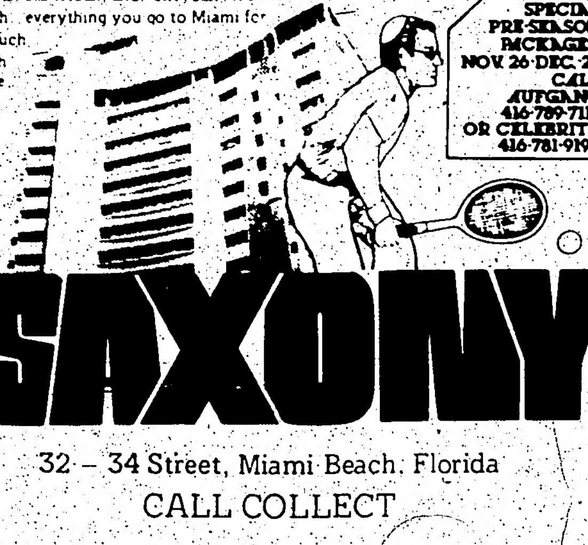

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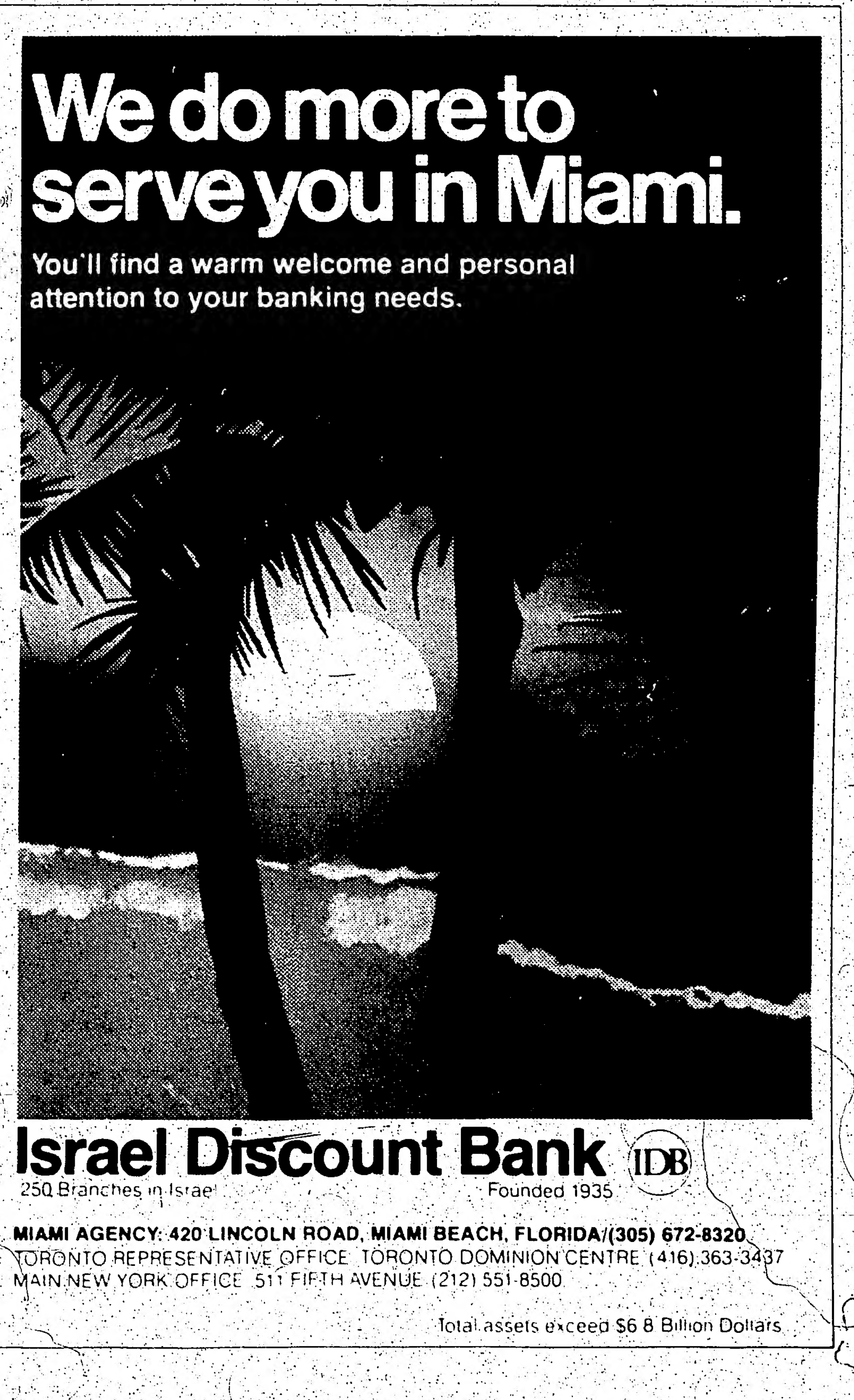

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A plea for our leaders

At the end of a trail of broken promises lies a broken government. Also broken is any chance of rest or routine for concerned Canadian Jews. The winter days were not going to be normal ones for community leaders, in any case, who were planning to re-examine their role in the Jerusalem embassy debacle in order to form a more united front for the crucial issues ahead. Now, the impending elections magnify and complicate an already onerous task, and add their note of urgency.

Three main issues have crystallized for our community, as Canadians and as Jews. They are: the necessity for legislating tough anti-boycott legislation, as obviously a matter of upholding Canadian human rights as it is of battling a foreign stimulation of anti-Semitism; the desirability of increasing trade between Canada and Israel, which would only benefit both countries and emphasize how much the two have in common; and the need to stop in no uncertain way the possibility of any PLO encroachment on our country's diplomatic apparatus, regardless of how and through whom that encroachment could begin.

Underlying the effective pursuit of these concerns is a condition in our leadership we hope will become evident very soon: unity of approach. In that handful of months between Joe Clark's immortal campaign promise and its unexpected revocation by his government, the discord among the top levels of our leadership could be heard by even the most indifferent Jew in the street. Of course, that discord was not lost on federal policy makers, facing as they did a blitzkreig of Arabists, oil interests, international businesses and anti-Semites.

There is a story in the Jewish traditions that goes something like this: There was once a community as infamous for its lack of hospitality as it was reknown for its wealth. Beggars were banished from the town; transients were prevented by force from approaching its wealthy citizens for aid and employment; widows were snubbed; and orphans were left to fend on their own. The infamy of the town reached the highest courts of Heaven, from which Elijah himself was sent down to investigate. "All that you hear is true," he reported to God.

"In that case, I shall take away their one chief and let them **all** become leaders with their own ideas of what is important," God is supposed to have said. And so it came to pass. Soon, that community was torn apart from within and left open to attack from without. In a short time, it disappeared from the face of the earth, leaving not even its name.

Our community is a generous one, concerned as much about the welfare of Canada as a whole and about the injustice suffered by human beings beyond its boundaries, as it is about its own members. As our leaders know, we are entering a period of uncertainty and possibly turmoil in our own country, a period of challenge, to say the least. The main issues of concern have a host of minor ones entangled with them, any one of which could blow up into another major issue itself. We hope and pray that our leaders now bind themselves in unity to the tasks before us as Canadians and as Jews.

Guest editorial

Making history

By RABBI GUNTHER PLAUT

Jews always fear highly nationalistic movements, even if they are not in any wise infested by the curse of anti-Semitism. It ought to be made clear that anti-Semitism does **not** play a role in the developments that are taking place in Quebec. Many young Jews have left because they believe that a pluralistic rather than a monolithic society will give them and their children a better opportunity to grow and flourish. Also, while most of them are bilingual they want a strong emphasis on the English language which ties them to the Jews of the United States. This youth migration, which has probably reached ten of fifteen thousand in the Jewish community alone, has brought about serious psychological changes and has also resulted in a shift in the composition of the Montreal community. The 100 to 105,000 who live there at the present time have lost a good deal of their base of young people and will, therefore, increasingly become an aging community. Nonetheless, they have coped magnificently with the problems of a government which has rigorously imposed French cultural rules upon all of Quebec. In fact, though the Jewish community is smaller, its generosity to the United Israel Appeal and even to capital funds campaigns has not slackened. Regardless of what will happen there, Montreal will be a great Jewish community. Yet what happened there should concern all Jews who have a sense of history, whether they live in Canada or elsewhere.

This is taken from the opening address of the recent biennial convention of the Union of Associated Hebrew Congregations, held in Toronto.

But it's all in the family

The distressing news has reached us via Newsweek magazine that in a recent rating of international airlines El Al of Israel did not fare too well. Indeed it is sad to relate that the Israeli airline received only 36 out of a possible 100 points and ranked perilously near the bottom of the list.

The two categories in which El Al fell down so badly were gastronomy and security. The report criticized the Israel firm for its poor food (we do not wish to reproduce the ungracious comparisons drawn by the rating service) and for its excessively rigorous security measures in inspecting passengers.

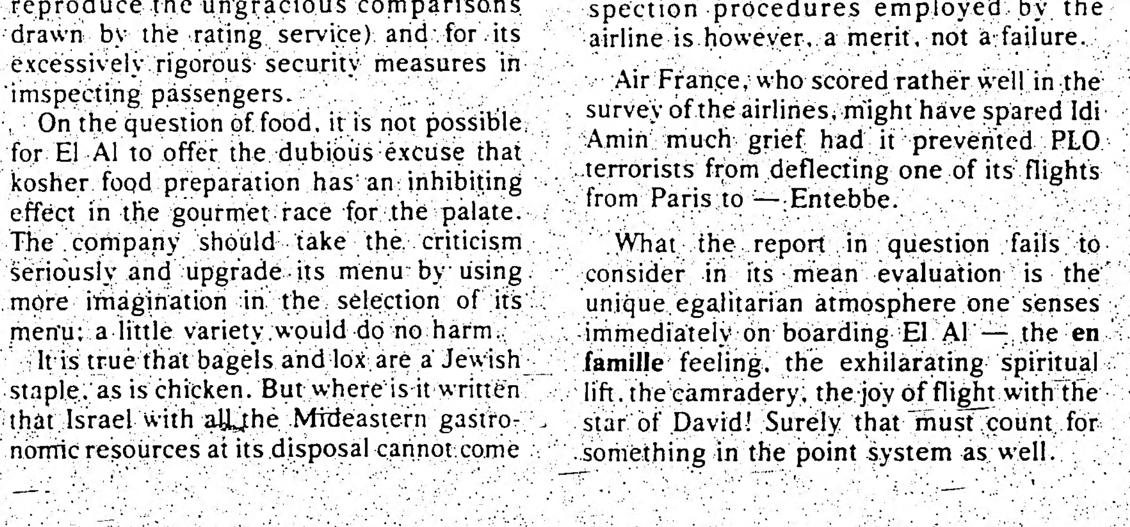
On the question of food, it is not possible for El Al to offer the dubious excuse that kosher food preparation has an inhibiting effect in the gourmet race for the palate. The company should take the criticism seriously and upgrade its menu by using more imagination in the selection of its menu; a little variety would do no harm.

It is true that bagels and lox are a Jewish staple, as is chicken. But where is it written that Israel with all the Mideastern gastronomic resources at its disposal cannot come up with something more inspiring, during long flights, than tepid chicken which surrenders, collapses is perhaps the more appropriate term — at the first touch of the fork.

Security is another matter. El Al does exercise some rather Draconian techniques to ensure that unwelcome guests do not board its planes. Occasionally this causes some inconvenience, even distress to squeamish passengers. The rigorous inspection procedures employed by the airline is however, a merit, not a failure.

Air France, who scored rather well in the survey of the airlines, might have spared Idi Amin much grief had it prevented PLO terrorists from deflecting one of its flights from Paris to — Entebbe.

What the report in question fails to consider in its mean evaluation is the unique egalitarian atmosphere one senses immediately on boarding El Al — the **en famille** feeling, the exhilarating spiritual lift, the camradery, the joy of flight with the star of David! Surely that must count for something in the point system as well.



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These Montrealers want to settle in Israel. They're members of the Chug Aliyah Club. From left: Bryan and Ruth Cohen, Yaira and Irvin Wisenthal and Rami and Shirley Burg. They're off soon.

Legal battles over racial quotas

A series of legal battles over the issue of racial quotas is being fought in the United States. The Bakke case was concerned with education, the recent Weber case involved racially based employment preference, and the forthcoming case of Fullilove v. Kreps concerns racial preference in government contract. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in the USA was the only Jewish organization to submit a "friend of the court" brief to the Supreme Court in the Weber and Fullilove cases. This research report, which discusses the nature and implications of the Court's decision in Weber, was specially written for the Institute of Jewish Affairs by Jeffrey P. Sinensky, director of the ADL's national law department.

By JEFFREY P. SINENSKY

When the United States Supreme Court announced its recent decision in the much-heralded Weber case — a lawsuit initiated by white factory workers denied promotional opportunities granted to blacks with less job seniority — the jubilation expressed by black civil rights organizations and many White House officials almost drowned out Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr.'s explicit note of caution.

"We emphasize at the outset the narrowness of our inquiry," he wrote in the majority opinion rejecting Brian F. Weber's contention that his employer's race-conscious, promotional training program illegally discriminated against him and other white employees.

The High Court, carefully signaled that its ruling was not to be interpreted as granting **carte blance** to the unfettered use of racial quotas for blacks and other non-white minority groups in employment. Any attempt to "define in detail the line of demarcation between permissible and impermissible affirmative action plans" was left for another day — only the specific quota program at issue in Weber was sanctioned.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964, said the Court, does not prohibit all racially based employment preference programs for non-whites. Rather, the Act's Title VII, which bars discrimination in employment on the basis of race, nonetheless leaves employers and unions in the private sector free, under certain circumstances, to take steps to "eliminate manifest racial imbalances in traditionally segregated job categories." These circumstances include the existence of historic patterns of racial discrimination in the job category, the presence of conspicuous racial imbalance at the particular place of employment and the temporary nature of the remedy.

Before being overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, two lower federal courts had ruled that in establishing a 50% quota for blacks in a training program at its Gramercy, Louisiana steel mill, and then rejecting Weber, a white with more seniority than two blacks who were accepted, Kaiser Aluminium had violated the Civil Rights Act's ban on racial discrimination in employment.

Weber was not the first racial quota case to reach the U.S. Supreme Court. Only last year the Court decided Bakke v. Regents involving a "special admissions" program at the University of California at Davis Medical School.

In that case — where 16 out of the 100 places in each entering class were reserved exclusively for non-white minority group applicants — the Court was deeply divided over the legality of the 16% quota.

Four justices voted to uphold the quota in order to remedy the effects of past "societal" discrimination against blacks, even though the medical school had itself never discriminated against minority applicants.

Four other Justices said the program was a clear violation of Title VI of the civil Rights Act of 1964 which declares that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race under any educational program receiving federal government funding.

This 4-4 deadlock was broken by Justice Lewis F. Powell who provided the decisive fifth vote for the Court's two separate rulings: one declaring the Davis program unlawful and directing that Allan Bakke be admitted; the other holding that an applicant's race can be "one element — to be weighed fairly against other elements — in the selection process but only for the limited objective of obtaining a diverse student body.

Finding the "desired result" hopelessly forclosed by both the language and legislative history of the Civil Rights Act, the Supreme Court turned to a third source and invoked what it called the "spirit" of the Act. That ephemeral "spirit", the court decided, supported its view of what Congress ought to have said about voluntary racial quotas even if Congress had, in fact, said quite the opposite.

In the coming months there undoubtedly will be a public relations campaign by those interested in reading the Weber decision as giving the green light to all forms of race-conscious affirmative action programs — voluntary or otherwise. That this is in the offing is apparent from the recent statement by Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chairperson of the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission who, in a thinly-veiled attack on the Anti-Defamation League and other groups fighting quotas, described the Weber ruling as the definitive statement on the legality of race-conscious affirmative action programs. She added: "If I were sitting in an organization looking to bring 'reverse discrimination' cases, I'd start looking for a better way to spend my money." However, close examination of Justice Brennan's carefully worded majority opinion in Weber exposes her comment for what it is — ill-conceived, wishful thinking.

In **Weber**, the Supreme Court endorsed **only** what it characterized as the "private and voluntary" affirmative action preference plan agreed to by Kaiser and the Steelworkers Union. The Court ruled that the plan, a 50% black quota, displaced no person, interfered with no vested rights and was temporary in nature. The ADL, the only Jewish organization which submitted a "friend of the court" brief, vigorously disputed these conclusions together with other opponents of racial quotas. Finally, the Court said that the agreement between the steel workers and Kaiser was designed to correct a racial imbalance, not to maintain a balance which had been achieved.

The absence of any or all of these qualifying factors in a subsequent case would in all probability lead to a defection of one or more f the Justices making up the five-man majority in **Weber**. Justice Stewart, for example, who was on the other side in **Bakke**, switched his vote in **Weber** most probably because he saw the two cases differently: **Bakke** concerned a federally-funded university, while **Weber** involved a private, voluntary program in which the federal government was not involved.

Other Justices who supported the quota in **Weber** are also likely to vote against a racial preference that went much beyond the Kaiser plan and either first, abrogated "pre-existing seniority rights" of white employees, or second, afforded an "absolute preference" to non-white minority groups as in **Bakke**, or third, was not for a "finite" duration.

Finally, because the Kaiser plan was a voluntary agreement between private parties - company and union - involving no federal or state action, neither constitutional guarantees of equal protection in the administration of the law nor limits to court-ordered remedies were at issue. Thus, the Court in **Weber** did not rule on whether quotas could be mandated by government bodies. Mandated preferences may well be forbidden even while voluntary private programs are not.

The question of the legality of mandated racial preferences should be answered shortly by the U.S. Supreme Court which has agreed to hear a case - **Fullilove** v. **Kreps** - involving just such a constitutional issue. **Fullilove** is concerned with a challenge to the constitutionality of the Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1977. The Act provides that no grant for public works shall be made unless the applicant assures the Secretary of Labour that at least 10% of the amount of each grant shall be given to "minority" business enterprises - defined as those businesses in which "Blacks, Spanish-speaking, Orientals, Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts" have a majority ownership.

As in **Weber**, the ADL was the only Jewish organization to submit a "friend of the court" brief to the Supreme Court attacking this racial quota. The brief questions the legality of any law which establishes governmentally designated and protected groups, and points out that, "stamping the imprimatur of the Federal government upon a particular racial or ethnic definition, and granting and withholding benefits to individuals accordingly, calls to mind notorious examples of attempts by other governments to define racial or ethnic groups, such as the Nuremberg laws in the Third Reich defining a 'Jew' or South Africa's laws defining 'White', 'Black', 'Colored' and 'Yellow'.

Enforcing this 10% set-aside establishes the government as a sort of racial Inquisition..." In addition, the ADL argue that **Weber** is plainly distinguishable from **Fullilove** for the simple reason that the latter involves a mandatory, government imposed quota rather than the voluntary set-aside found in **Weber**. Thus, **Fullilove** should provide a crucial test of the limits the Supreme Court will set on the use of that most treacherous of all remedial tools - the racial quota.

More about Christian businessmen who wanted to befriend Islam

By J.B. SALSBERG

Last week I related an experience that revealed to me how crass economic interests drive some of our non-Jewish business friends to anti-Jewish, discriminatory practices. I now want to conclude that theme by showing how the avaricious drive for profit can also affect the religious attitudes of people.

My observations a week ago were prompted by the passing of the late Henry Jackman. The focus of this column was dictated by the passing, a few weeks ago, of another respected member of our community — the late professor Charles E. Hendry or, as he was fondly known to his friends, "Chick" Hendry.

Prof. Hendry, though formally retired, continued to be actively involved in professional and public affairs to the last days of his life.

In his earlier days he was prominently engaged in YMCA and youth activities; he was professor of social work in the School of Social Work in Toronto and was its dean for many years. He served the Red Cross with valuable research work and, after his formal retirement, Chick Hendry was closely associated with many public activities of concern to Jewry in this country and abroad.

In short, Prof. Hendry was a prominent person with extensive and varied connections in the social and public life of this country.

About nine months ago I was glad to meet him and his good wife at a social gathering of about 10 or 12 people in the home of mutual friends. It was a stimulating experience that we all looked forward to. As usual the group, of which I was the only Jew on the occasion, settled into a sparkling discussion.

This time it was sparked by Chick Hendry's observation that he has been drawn into the activities of a group that is about to launch publicly a movement to be known as "Islam-West." The planned organization had initiators in Toronto, in some other Canadian cities and in the U.S. "Islam-West" was to make its first public appearance at a mid-summer seminar to be held in the University of Toronto and to be addressed by prominent authorities on the subject.

I was amazed by the information but, because of the inescapable Jewish sensitivity, waited to hear what the reaction of the others would be. It was either skeptical or entirely negative.

I then entered the discussion and tried to get to the core of this sudden display of interest in Islam and the burning desire to build bridges between the Christian world and that of Islam. (All this was before the floodgates of venomous hatred were opened in Iran and some other Islamic states.)

Questions came from all sides. Will Jews be included in the Islam-West movement? Who are the people behind the project? Who is paying for the work being done for this undertaking?

It became painfully clear that well-meaning and well intentioned Prof. Hendry was being taken-in by certain individuals and groups. He was surprised by the reaction of his friends.

The initiators? Mostly from the academic and business world. Will Jews be included? Hendry didn't see why not. Will the PLO be included? This has not even come up yet. Who's paying the bill? So far those engaged in the development of the project are, to the best of his knowledge, doing it voluntarily and without any compensation. Who are the business people that are promoting Islam-West? Chick Hendry did mention the names of one or two. The name of one business executive mentioned saddened me especially. I knew his father who had been a member of the legislature. He was a model of a human being. Now the son seems to be doing extensive business with certain Arab countries and he became an initiator of the movement to explain Islam to the West...The father of another political party would have been ashamed.

A few days after our social gathering I received a letter from Chick Hendry (Feb. 27, 1979) in which he said: "your extremely perceptive observations... made a tremendous impression upon me." and he suggested that we get together, after he and his wife will return from their planned trip to Arizona, to discuss the matter further.

But life has unpredictable twists. We never managed to get together again and untimely death wrote finis to our intentions. But there is more than one moral lesson in these reminiscences.

One, that good Christian (and only Christian?) business executives could, after some very profitable experiences in the Islamic world, discover within themselves a previously unknown warmth for the world of Islam. Glory be!

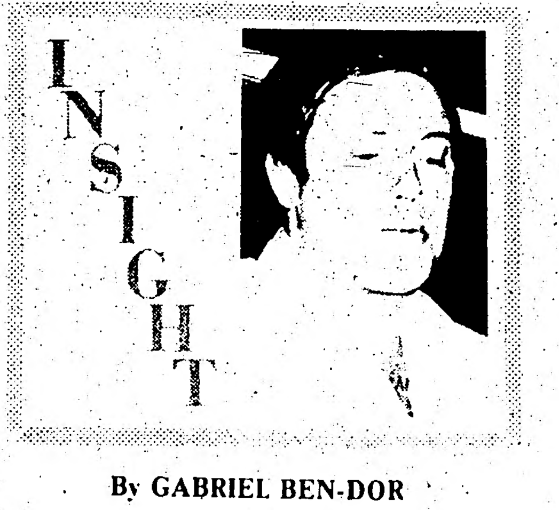
Two, that such suddenly converted friends of Islam were in need of well-meaning and prominent personalities to front a movement of friendship with the religion of those with whom they have established profitable and very promising business ties. Hendry with his well-earned reputation as a humanitarian and activist in the causes of the young, the poor and the discriminated would have made a perfect front for a movement that had its conception in the sinful lust for profit.

As far as I know, the planned Islam-West conference never took place. Khomeini's brand of Islam may have something to do with that.

At any rate I was and I remain grateful that Chick Hendry was saved the indignity and the embarrasment of association with that lot. Chick Hendry passed away with his record clean and respected by all who knew him.

'Where there are Muslims there is oil'

Militant spectre of Islam haunting the west



By GABRIEL BEN-DOR

OTTAWA —
In the February 1976 issue of **Commentary**, historian Bernard Lewis, one of the world's foremost experts on the Middle East, spoke of the "return" of Islam. Following the Shah's downfall in Iran, the unease in Turkey, the disturbances in Pakistan, the virtual civil war in Afghanistan, the Somali-Ethiopian war in East Africa and the other well-known recent upheavals in this region, U.S. Presidential National Security Adviser coined the popular phrase, "The Arc of Crisis". Princeton economist Charles Issawi — only half-way facetiously — offers Issawi's law, namely that "where there are Muslims there is oil". What all this adds up to is that veritably a new spectre is haunting the West — the spectre of Islam, spirited, militant and defiant, which may disrupt the energy-laden lifelines of the industrialzed West, destabilize the fragile balance of power around the globe and destroy the delicate fabric of accepted customs and conventions which regulate the art and science of diplomacy as civilized mankind has known it from time immemorial.

Actually, this is not the "return" of Islam; for it has never gone away. It is the world's youngest major religion; it is its most actively militant, proselytizing in spirit, martial in character. Islam — now about 1400 years old — is not just a religion in the sense understood in the Protestant English-speaking democracies whose separation of church and state is such a central idea. In Islam it is not; for Islam is a civilization, a way of life, a system of commandments regulating **all** spheres of human life. To be a good Muslim is not to be a good theologian, successfully mastering the mysteries of doctrine; it is merely a total devotion to God and total submission to the divine will (indeed, Islam means submission in Arabic) in all its manifestations, as ultimately revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

It also means being a loyal member of the Islamic community [**Ummah**]; for in Islam the world is clearly divided into **us** and **them:** the "House of Islam" and the "House of War" — the former uniting all the true believers, the latter the domain to be conquered so the true faith can be supreme there too. Until then, truces, cease-fires, and armistices with the unbelievers are permissible, but ultimately the issue has to be settled.

For the true believer indeed, nothing else really counts. The task is to fulfill the commandments of Islam where the world's some 800 million Muslims (only about 130 million of them Arabs) live. Among these, there are a great many cleavages, differences and division; however, all these pale into insignificance when compared with the fundamental opposition between believers and unbelievers; Lewis quotes the tradition falsely attributed to the Prophet, according to which "Infidelity is one homeland," meaning that — notwithstanding the apparent political pluralism of the non-Muslim world — all non-believers should really be perceived as one religious-political community in contradiction to the Community of the Faithful.

For the last several decades, the various Muslim countries have undergone complex political, technological as well as socio-economic processes initiated by the supremacy of the industrialized West and the need to respond to its challenge. The result has been the crystallization of about three dozen "Islamic" countries (about a third of them Arab), which — notwithstanding doctrine — have managed to establish and institutionalize their separate and legitimate existence in the domain of Islam and the world of nations. Pan-Islamic (or even) Pan-Arab ideology has not been strong enough to subvert this process for long.

On the other hand, paradoxically, it has been precisely the recognition that the present international boundaries are here to stay and that socio-political tensions will have to be resolved within this framework. Thus, surprisingly enough, it was when nationalism was at the peak of its success that its ideological aridity became manifest — as far as fundamental domestic political questions are concerned. Also, it was at this point that the failure of Westernization was revealed in all its tragic forcefulness: the West exported a technological revolution and created an educated middle class, but it supported neither a truly appealing ideology nor an effective doctrine of political organization. In the lack of these, how can a stable political community be expected to function?

It could not and it did not. An organizational-ideological vacuum ensued at the centre of national life, and it gradually began to be filled with the one thing that people authentically believed in, and which provided leadership along with authentic tradition. Hence the "return of Islam".

This is an intensely political phenomenon. In Christianity, it is possible to separate Church and State: in Judaism, the "State" disappeared almost two thousand years ago, then became mostly an alien imposition, and even in modern Israel the issue is full of complexities and far from being resolved. On the other hand, Islam **is** the state and the state **is** Islam. Iran is Khomeini and Khomeini is Iran. The perception of the leaders is to stabilize their rule on the crest of the wave of Islam; the perception of the masses is all too often that politics is the fanatic, frenzied pursuit of some simplistically interpreted tenets of Islam, at the expense of every other principle. Hence contempt for international law, indifference to world peace, exploitation of human misery and cynical abuse of natural resources.

The dangers of this process to world peace, stability and prosperity have been brought home forcefully by events in Teheran and elsewhere. In the long run, this beast must be tamed, one way or another; it can never be appeased. The Islamic countries deserve sympathy in their difficulties to come to terms with modernity, but their intolerance and fanaticism simply cannot be accomodated. As the Teheran events have shown, in the long run the entire non-Islamic world may find itself hostage (by the use of oil or many other possible forms of economic, political and indeed outright military extortion) to one Ayatollah or another. This has been most evident in the Middle East. Bernard Lewis quotes the post-1967 Arab-Islamic objective: "First the Saturday people, then the Sunday people."

Islam (in this case in its Arab form) has been unwilling and unable to tolerate a Christian Lebanon and a Jewish Israel even on a tiny piece of land in the region; Islam wants the Jews and Christians in the Middle East (and eventually elsewhere as well) to survive as tolerated, second-class minorities under the sway of Islam rather than as independent political communities interacting with Islam on equal terms. Thus far, the "Saturday people" have managed to survive and to turn away all the threats; indeed, only Israel's steadfastness and resolve have enabled the "Sunday people" to continue some sort of political existence in Lebanon — such as it is. Recent Iranian threats to send "volunteers" to Southern Lebanon merely underline the Islamic resolve to continue the attempts to subdue both the Jews and the Christians.

Surely, in the wake of what happened in Tehran every person of intelligence and good will in the West must admit that it is not Israel that threatens peace but the intolerance of the Islamic sea surrounding it; a weak Israel (or Lebanon for that matter) sacrificed by the West to appease the like of Khomeini will merely hasten the demise of the next hostage.

As Israel goes, so goes the West; if the West wants a peaceful Islamic world, respecting international law and the principles of fair dealing and fair trade, it must support Israel's heroic struggle for survival. An Islamic world unwilling to tolerate a tiny Jewish state will never be a tolerable participant in the international community; obversely put, Israel's efforts to force Islam to treat it fairly as an equal partner are very much in line with the interests of a peaceful world community; indeed, moderate Islam (for instance, Sadat's Egypt, Hassan's Morocco or Numeiri's Sudan) which fears Khomeinism is now finally willing to accept Israel. Israel and these countries are the allies of the West in the quest for regional and global political order. For, as long as the spectre of Tehran continues to haunt us, we have no choice but to unite non-Muslims and moderate Muslims of the world in order to contain Khomeini — before it is too late.

Letters to the Editor

Arbel reads what he wants to read, not what is written

Your correspondent, Shimon Arbel, in his recent letter takes me to task for asserting "that UJA funds earmarked for Israel are at the expense of local needs and Jewish education in particular."

Mr. Arbel, like so many, reads what he wants to read — not what is written; he infers what he wants to infer, rather than what was patently meant.

At the National Education Conference, I reported on a panel session dealing with the financing of education. What I said, in that report, and what was written in the CJN was "With the strictures in any expansion in the total annual campaigns, some people are going to be saying that the competition for funds will not be between Jewish education on the one hand and other essential local services on the other, but, unfortunately, between Jewish education on the one hand and Israel on the other."

The quote should not require any explanation; but, evidently, it does.

Nobody — and certainly not I — even thought of suggesting that monies which go to UIA and Israel are "at the expense of local needs and Jewish education in particular." On the contrary, because local needs (including Jewish education) are spiralling at the same time as campaigns are remaining virtually static, the local needs have been making a first call on campaign funds. Accordingly, UIA could rightfully complain. Because Jewish education costs rise much more markedly than other local costs, UIA could further complain that it is Jewish education which is taking away funds from Israel. Fortunately, our community does not work in the way that Mr. Arbel thinks it does. There has been continuing understanding and compromise at all times.

Mr. Arbel's letter is not only inaccurate, but it is mischievous.

Donald Carr
Toronto

In Rabbi Wolfe Kelman's recent panegyric of Conservative Judaism as reported in the Nov. 22 edition of the Canadian Jewish News and his divisive attack on Orthodox Judaism, one can detect the symptoms of a tired and intellectually spent movement. Judging from his statements, one must now conclude that this leading exponent of Conservative Judaism can only justify its existence by ridicule, misrepresentation and sloganeering.

To claim that Orthodox Judaism debated saving a life on the Sabbath for over 200 years is an unequivocal falsehood and canard which any knowledgeable Jew can easily refute as untrue and baseless.

The principal of **pekuach nefesh** is well rooted in Torah law and has been and continues to be universally accepted. (See Talmud, Shabbos 132A Yoma 82A Rambam Hilchot Shabbos chapter 2, Shulchan Oruch Orech Chaim 329.)

If anyone has demonstrated their ability to cope with the tensions of modern society, it was only those who accepted Torah as the immutable word of God and its ideological teachings. Jewish history has taught us beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jewish survival depends primarily on this total commitment. Other orientations have failed and unfortunately continue to fail to transmit the Jewish heritage. Socialism, secularism, Yiddishism, Haskala, and humanism have long been relegated to the dust bin of Jewish history. Whereas, the Mussar movement, Chassidism and Torah in Derech Eretz (as espoused by Samson Raphael Hirsch) are flourishing today as thousands of our young men and women in unprecedented numbers are studying in yeshivas and seminars, as well as filling our Orthodox synagogues and Chassidic shtiblach.

Rabbi Kelman, your battle should be not against Orthodox Judaism but against ignorance and assimilation. It ill becomes a religious leader to aggravate our afflictions. What is most ironic in this diatribe, is the categorizing of contemporary Orthodoxy as "authentic 15th century Judaism." To a Jewish scholar the 15th century is one of the most creative and enlightened periods in Jewish history, as exemplified by the giants of Jewish thought: Hasdai Crescas, Joseph Albo, Don Isaac Abarbanel, Isaac Arama, Ovadyo Bertinoro, to name but a few.

For me, it is pretty good company. Perhaps, Rabbi Kelman's dilemma is a myopic view of Jewish history and the inability to see the real world as it is. Thus the old cliches and bogeyman are paraded to prop up a movement that has long lost its intellectual viability. Strange, that Rabbi Kelman, whose broadmindedness and tolerant nature can find it in his heart to support the "Peace Now" movement with its desire to believe in the good intentions of the PLO, cannot find it in his heart to make peace with Orthodox Judaism.

At this critical period in Jewish history, we can ill afford to castigate and deride those who diligently and constructively are giving strength and inspiration to the future of Torah and Klall Isroel.

In the Talmudic dicta: "Into the well you drank from do not cast stones:" (B.K.82B).

Rabbi Harry J. Kaufman,
Montreal.

Kharkov Jews find rampant anti-Semitism and heavy handed deterring of emigration

Life for a Jewish refusenik in many of the large cities in the USSR can often be a stifling and frustrating experience. The NCSJ's Kim Kovach focuses on Kharkov, a major Ukrainian city, that over the years has gained a reputation as one of the centers of Soviet anti-Semitism. This city and its inhabitants are an integral part of the struggle for freedom for Soviet Jewry.

By KIM KOVACH

KHARKOV, Ukraine —
This city has one of the highest refusal rates for Jews seeking to leave the Soviet Union, with approximately 90% of all those applying this year receiving rejections. Each month close to 400 families receive negative responses to their visa applications on the pretext that one or more members are alleged "security risks".

Kharkov Jews find anti-Semitism so rampant and efforts to deter emigration so heavy-handed, that they are virtually forced to seek emigration. Soviet authorities coerce Jewish citizens into attending organized meetings in their apartment complexes and places of work to discuss Zionism and anti-Soviet treachery. Labelled "ideological warfare", these meetings attempt to discourage would-be emigrants from submitting their applications. Neighbors and co-workers are encouraged to turn in their fellow workers for any open expression of Judaism or the desire to leave the Soviet Union for Israel.

Aside from peer pressure, the Jews are bombarded with propaganda in the media. The local Kharkov TV station routinely airs anti-Semitic programming under the guise of anti-Zionism. The local newspaper, Vercherniy Kharkov, carries feature articles on such topics as "Israel Neo-Nazism" and the work of "Zionist agents" in Kharkov. The "agents" are, of course, Kharkov's Jewish activists who are rebuked each week for being "parasites". The paper never explains that they lost their jobs because they applied to emigrate.

Soviet Jews who resist the pressure to assimilate or denounce their heritage and remain firm in their desire to live in Israel, find their visas tangled in red tape. A recent ruling requires Jews wishing to emigrate to supply "visovs" (invitations) only from first-degree relatives (parents or siblings).

The life of a refusenik in the USSR is never pleasant, but life for one in Kharkov is particularly grim. The treatment of Aleksandr Paritsky, one of Kharkov's best known refuseniks, is typical of the Soviets' "ideological warfare". Paritsky, a physicist, lost his job in 1977, a year after he and his wife, Polina, and two young daughters applied to emigrate to Israel. Over the past three years, the Paritskys have been subjected to constant harassment, KGB surveillance and slanderous attacks in the media.

On June 10, 1979, Paritsky placed a phone call to the U.S. from the local post office. A KGB agent standing next to the phone booth began shouting that Paritsky was divulging secret information and that he was a spy. A policeman at the scene reported the KGB agent's description of the incident to his superiors.

In September, Paritsky was tried in absentia for the post office incident by a special "Comrades Court" at the Kharkov Tractor Factory, where he is employed. The court heard no evidence in Paritsky's defense and therefore delivered a verdict of "guilty", recommending a two-week jail sentence for "hooliganism and behavior generally unbecoming to a Soviet citizen."

The Aleksandr Gorshunsky family are also victims of the frustrating life of Kharkov refuseniks. Aleksandr, 38, his wife, Claudia, and two young sons first applied to emigrate to Israel in 1977. They were refused that same year due to "secrets" allegedly learned by Claudia at her job in a "classified" factory. Not only is Claudia's former position affecting their family, but it is the reason why Alexsandr's parents have also been refused.

Vladimir Gorshynsky and his wife applied to emigrate the same year as their son and his family: The elder Gorshunsky are feeble and Vladimir has been hospitalized many times for a serious heart condition. Although Claudia's former employers have stated that they have no objection to Alexsandr's parents leaving the Soviet Union, the Gorshunskys still wait in limbo.

In another related incident, a young married couple in Kharkov submitted their exit applications so that they may join the wife's sister in Israel. Authorities at the emigration office suggested that the woman's elderly parents request visas also, so that they would not be left in the USSR with both daughters in Israel. The woman's parents subsequently submitted their applications and received permission to leave the USSR — but the daughter and son-in-law were refused.

To Kharkov's refuseniks, Israel is held out like a carrot in front of a starving horse, with the hungry refuseniks hoping and waiting to receive that precious fod; only to have the emigration cruelly snatch it away, then dangle it, again and again.

Tel Aviv University's Mideast centre gets ultimate compliment from Arabs

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TEL AVIV, Israel —
Israelis and Arabs agree on pitifully little, but there is usually no disagreement between them insofar as the status of The Shiloah Center For Middle Eastern And African Studies is concerned.

Most impartial observers, whether Israeli or Arab, concur that the institution is one of the best of its kind anywhere. "I don't know of too many research institutes, under one roof, that carry on such a wide range of activity," says its director, Elie Rekhess, a 34-year-old native of Haifa.

No one expects Rekhess to minimize the achievements of this Tel Aviv University academic center, and so it is incumbent on an assumed enemy — an Arab — to pay the institution the ultimate compliment.

Writing in the Saudi daily al-Bilad, Samir Yusuf commented: "Israeli universities include institutes which specialize in studies dealing with Middle Eastern affairs. Experts in Arabic are working in these institutes. They follow up every piece of information about the Arab world and subject it to thorough analysis. With the help of these experts Israel keeps a close watch on everything taking place in the Arab region. One of the most active institutes in this category is the Shiloah Center . . . ."

Rekhess, an authority on Israeli Arabs, knows that some Arab scholars dismiss the Shiloah Center as an arm, or instrument, of the Israeli government.

But he also knows that many of them regard it as an institution with considerable academic credibility.

Part of the Aranne School of History, the Shiloah Center is engaged primarily in historical research. "We're not linked formally with any government body," Rekhess explains. "But occasionally, we do work for government ministries."

For the most part, however, the center sponsors publication of papers, monographs and books, and holds seminars and conferences attracting scholars from the four corners of the globe.

The bulk of its staff is composed of research associates and assistants who work at country desks and delve into a variety of topics of current and long-range interest.

Rekhess and his academic crew study 13 countries on an ongoing basis — Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, South Yemen, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Turkey and the Persian Gulf principalities.

Concomitantly, they focus on inter-Arab relations, the Arab-Israeli dispute, the Palestinians, the economy of the Middle East and Israeli Arabs.

The **Middle East Contemporary Record,** an outgrowth of **The Middle East Record,** is probably its main claim to publishing fame. A massive, meticulous volume published in New York by Holmes & Meier, it is a veritable monument to academic excellence.

Elie Rekhess

Within the last year, the center has authorized publication of books and articles on such subjects as Israel-U.S. relations, the Sudan, Nasserism, Soviet-Israeli relations, the Lebanese civil war, the Moslem Brotherhood, Syria and the Arab intelligentsia in Israel.

Academics attached to the center — people like Itamar Rabinovitch, Shimon Shamir, Daniel Dishon and Uriel Dann — have achieved international reputations.

Like any upstanding institution, the Shiloah Center has a fine archive and reference library.

Its collection of Arabic newspapers and periodicals is practically unrivalled, with its library stocking more than 500 current titles. Newspapers are stored in the library for up to six years and then transferred to the archive. The collection includes business journals and social and technological periodicals.

The reference library includes BBC and Voice of America broadcasts, a collection of bibliographies and thousands of English and Hebrew translations of significant Arabic language articles.

Given the growing economic clout of the Arabs, the center has established a unit monitoring business and commercial news in the Middle East.

And in light of the enormous influence exerted by some Arab leaders, a special file has been opened on political figures.

Since 1959, the center has grown from a small research unit to an internationally-renowned institution which even Arabs respect. Created under the auspices of the Israel Oriental Society, the center's first head was Yitzhak Oron, a leading scholar in the field.

Initially hampered by lack of funds, the center began to grow following the founding of **The Middle East Record.** The institution expanded even more rapidly after it was amalgamated by Tel Aviv University in 1966.

Since then, the Shiloah Center has positively prospered. As for the future, Rekhess hopes that academic exchanges between the center and Egyptian institutes can be arranged after Israel and Egypt establish diplomatic ties in 1980.

Says Rekhess, "Our insights would be enriched if our scholars could go and do their research in Arab countries."

One can only imagine how much better The Shiloah Center For Middle Eastern and African Studies would be if its scholars were given free rein in neighboring Arab countries.

Elie Rekhess is waiting for that blessed day.

Researchers at the Shiloah Centre For Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, delve into Arabic-language clippings

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

CHANUKAH EXHIBIT

Beth Tzedec Museum has a special exhibit of more than 50 Chanukah lamps and menorahs ranging from 14th century to contemporary works made in stone, clay, bronze, brass, pewter and silver. Among them are primitive folk art pieces from North Afirca and India as well as elaborately ornamented lamps from Italy, Holland, Poland and Germany, all reflecting different stylistic backgrounds and culture. Some are on view in cases in the foyer at the entrance to the sanctuary. The rest are on display in the museum which is open Saturday after services, Tuesday from 2-4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon; Friday, noon to 2 p.m., and Sunday from 1-3. The exhibit runs to mid January.

SUNDAY MORNING

Beth Sholom Brotherhood breakfast and tefillin club has two more meetings this month — On the 23rd the topic is **The Syrian Jewish Community** with guest speaker Marianna Grinblat of the Canadian Jewish Congress . . . On the 30th, guest speaker Jeff Benson of the Canadian Zionist Federation discusses **The Arab Boycott.** Meetings begin with services at 9:30 a.m.

FREE TO BE GANG RETURNS

The very successful Free To Be Gang is now touring Ontario with performances scheduled at Toronto's Leah Posluns Theatre from Monday, Dec. 24, through to Thursday, the 27th, at 1:30 and 3:30 each day. Box office number is 630-6752 . . . In Ottawa the gang goes on stage at Carleton University Theatre on the 23rd at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. . . . And in Hamilton, the show date is Friday, the 28th, at 1 p.m. at the Hamilton Art Gallery.

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Dawn of the 80s is the theme of the gala run by Ahuvah Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO at 8:30 p.m. at the Boy on the Dolphin Restaurant, 1911 Eglinton Ave. E. For information and tickets call Elizabeth Nadel at 881-5586 or Wendy Rubin at 663-2862.

The Mozirer Ladies Auxiliary annual dinner and dance is being held at Radomer Hall, 18 Reiner Ave., Downsview. No tickets will be available at the door, so call 636-0282 or 787-0727.

METRIC COOK BOOK

Temple Har Zion has produced a metric cook book with recipes for all occasions. And for added flare, there's a section of celebrity recipes from national and international personalities. For information, call the temple at 889-2252.

SINGLES NOTES

The Beth Tzedec Sunday Brunch Club Chanukah Frolic #3 on Saturday, the 22nd, at 8 p.m. is the group's event of the year and includes wine, surprise menu, and dancing to a live band. This is by reservation only, so call Ethel Lebovic at 491-0653 or Ann Bell at 633-4371.

The young adults group (18-25) at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda is having a New Year's disco beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue.

King David Lodge B'nai B'rith has set up a singles committee for singles run by singles. The program will include activities for both men and women. For more information, contact Murray Reiter at 783-8881 or Neil Nathan at 497-3525.

A group is being formed for culturally oriented singles over 35 with the accent on books, music, movies and other items of specific interest to the group. Anyone interested should contact Sylvia at 782-9572.

FOR AND ABOUT SENIORS

Be sure to mark down these two Workmen's Circle Social Club dates — On Tuesday, the 25th, luncheon features singer Edith Trulove and her accordian, and humorist Philip Cohen . . . On Jan. 1 there's a farewell party luncheon before departing for Miami. Humorist Philip Cohen and other entertainers will be on hand . . . Both events are at 12 noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. For information, call Shirley Grotell at 222-7727.

The Wagman Centre has arranged an evening of dancing, entertainment and refreshments for New Year's Eve, Monday, the 31st, from 7:30 to 10:30 in the centre's assembly room.

The North-East Jewish Seniors Club received a $12,970 New Horizons grant from the federal Ministry of Health and Welfare to equip quarters and organize recreational activities.

CHANUKAH PLAY ON RADIO

The Burning Torch, a play by Morton Wishengrad, is Part 3 in the 14-part drama series of the Eternal Light, celebrating the International Year of the Child. It is a Chanukah story for children about a young man's bravery which leads to Judah Maccabeus' victory over the Syrian army. It airs on WNBC radio station on Sunday, the 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. (but check local listing to be sure) with acclaimed performer Joel Gray as host. The Eternal Light, produced by NBC in co-operation with The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, is broadcast coast-to-coast as a public service.

HOLOCAUST COURSE AT U OF T

Prof. Jacques Kornberg has been teaching a course on the Holocaust at the University of Toronto. The course (HIS 398) was offered with a view to helping understand the genocide and provide some answers as to how and why it was permitted to happen. More than 90 students have attended the course and Prof. Kornberg said that it will likely be offered again next year.

COURT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

If you have good communication skills and are over 20 years of age, you might be interested in a volunteer program run by the Ministry of Correctional Services. Acting as an assistant court liaison officer, the volunteer will work under the supervision of the court officer at the Provincial Court House in Downsview. Initially, the volunteer will be trained to interview probationers and assist them in completing court forms. With additional training, the volunteer can become involved in more in-depth work including the preparation of pre-sentence reports and the handling of simple case loads. For information, call the Volunteer Centre, North York, at 481-6194.

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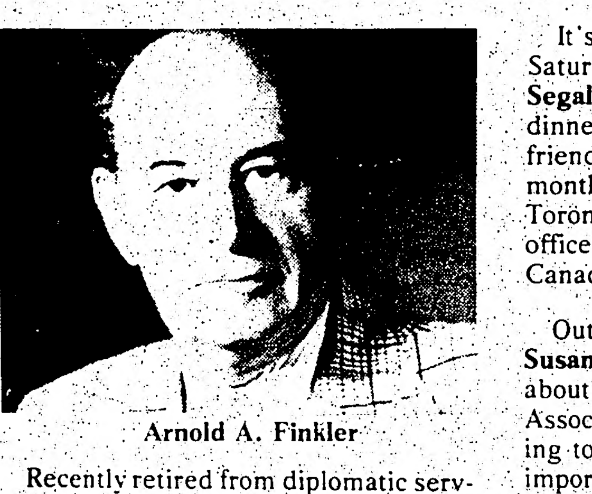

Arnold A. Finkler

Recently retired from diplomatic service after 30 years in various posts, former Israeli Ambassador to Canada **Mordechai Shalev** has been named special assistant to the president of Bar-Ilan University. In his new position, he will deal primarily with fund-raising and with various aspects of information abroad...And on the local scene, **Arnold A. Finkler,** president of Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan U. has been appointed to serve as a member of the international board of trustees of the university in Ramat Gan, Israel.

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The Americans have Sam Spade — the British have James Bond, and now, thanks to Toronto author **Joseph Mark Glazner,** Canadians have a super-hero they can call their own. His name is Billy Nevers and he makes his action-packed debut this month in "Smart Money Doesn't Sing or Dance," the first in a new mystery series published by Warner Books Inc., of New York. The release of Smart Money marks the first time a major American paperback publishing house has backed a fiction series that features a Canadian hero in a Canadian setting (Toronto). The author has completed two more books in the series — "Fast Money" scheduled for a March 1980 release and "Dirty Money" to be released in June 1980. And he is currently outlining three more books in the series.

It's a 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 29, for **Gordon and Ella Segal,** who marked the occasion at a dinner and reception for family and friends at the Park Plaza Hotel last month. Mr. Segal, a past president of Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith, is executive officer of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Toronto Post.

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Out of the mouths of babes....Teacher **Susan Sternberg** tells the following story about her junior kindergarten class at Associated Hebrew Schools..."Speaking to his very young audience on the importance of safety, police officer Bob Filbry, accompanied by Elmer the Elephant, asked the children "What is the color of my uniform?" Four-year-old **Amy Birkan** unhesitatingly replied "Kachol" (blue). Officer Filbry with a very puzzled look, certainly was not prepared for the answer in Hebrew."...

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The first American memorial to **Golda Meir** was dedicated in New York recently by Mayor Ed Koch. This memorial will be in the form of a landscaped area between 39th and 40th Streets on Broadway. Formerly known as The Plaza, this will be re-named Golda Meir Memorial Square. It will feature a bust of the former Israeli prime minister for which a team of sculptors has been specially commissioned.

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Among the appointments of executive members to the Canadian Consultive Council on Multiculturalism announced by Minister of State for Multiculturalism Steve Paproski is **Carol Litman,** Manitoba chairman of the CCCM and immediate past president of the Winnipeg section of National Council of Jewish Women. And included on the list of appointments as CCCM members is Toronto community leader **Max Shecter** and **Rita Finestone** of Montreal who has done extensive work in the organization and administration of volunteer activities in that community.

Rose Kaye of Cornwall lights Sabbath candles and watching her is Most. Rev. Eugene LaRocque, bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall diocese. From left: Eva Efros of Montreal, Rachel Kaye, Philip Kaye and David Kaye. It seems that ecumenism has reached Cornwall.

Challenges to Jewish charity

By DANIEL ACKS

TORONTO — A constant need for increased funding and the problem of equitable allocation of present finances poses the greatest challenges to Jewish charities.

That was the consensus by a panel of charity directors in a symposium held recently at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Kurt Weinberg, executive director of the Jewish National Fund, told the audience that there "has to be a constant search for new sources of funding. New services must be devised and existing ones expanded. Our total campaign income must be raised in order to meet the needs of local and overseas' demands."

Weinberg projected 5% of an individual gross income as a "yardstick for giving," adding that "charity is the fulfillment of a Jewish responsibility and should be a mandatory income tax. The act of giving to those who are in need is a right of the recipient and an obligation of the giver. Too many make token gifts of pitifully small amounts."

Weinberg told the symposium that 10% of all contributors to the UJA constitute 90% of total campaign finances raised, with 650 individuals providing gifts of $5,000 or more.

Predicting that "Israel funds will grow," Weinberg acknowledged that depersonalization and alienation are the prices one has to pay for increased expansion of the UJA. "It is hard to see tangible results of an individual's donation."

The panel agreed that centralized fund-raising was the most efficient means of allocating funds on a national and international level, and yet expressed concern over the selection of financial priorities.

Irwin Gold, executive director of Toronto Jewish Congress, stated that there is "a continual struggle for priorities. One can never determine a fair allocation of funds."

Gold outlined five of the main funding priorities of the Congress, adding that "ideally the Jewish fund reflects what people in the community decide priorities are."

The prime concerns involve rescue and resettlement through the emigrant aid service. This is underscored by the establishment and survival of the Israeli state in addition to the collective survival of the Diaspora.

On a local level, Gold expressed priority funding for the destitute and ill, as well as community relations - "that work which strengthens us internally and externally through the development of a political lobby for Israel."

Eliot Larman, a director with the Jewish Family and Child Service, told the gathering that "no person is deprived of the services because of an inability to pay." The Jewish Child and Family Service fee structure currently operates on a "sliding-scale system." The latter policy, Larman noted, constitutes a great drain on the service's financial resources.

The bulk of the money given to people in the community comes from federal and provincial subsidies, supplemented by the JCFS.

Addressing the question of why offering supplementation at all, Larman stated that "people who are living as Jews and want to maintain Jewish ideals, should receive financial support to maintain the appropriate standard of dignity."

Those who do receive the latter supplementation are aided and advised by the agency to break their cycle of poverty with the ultimate goal of financial self-sufficiency.

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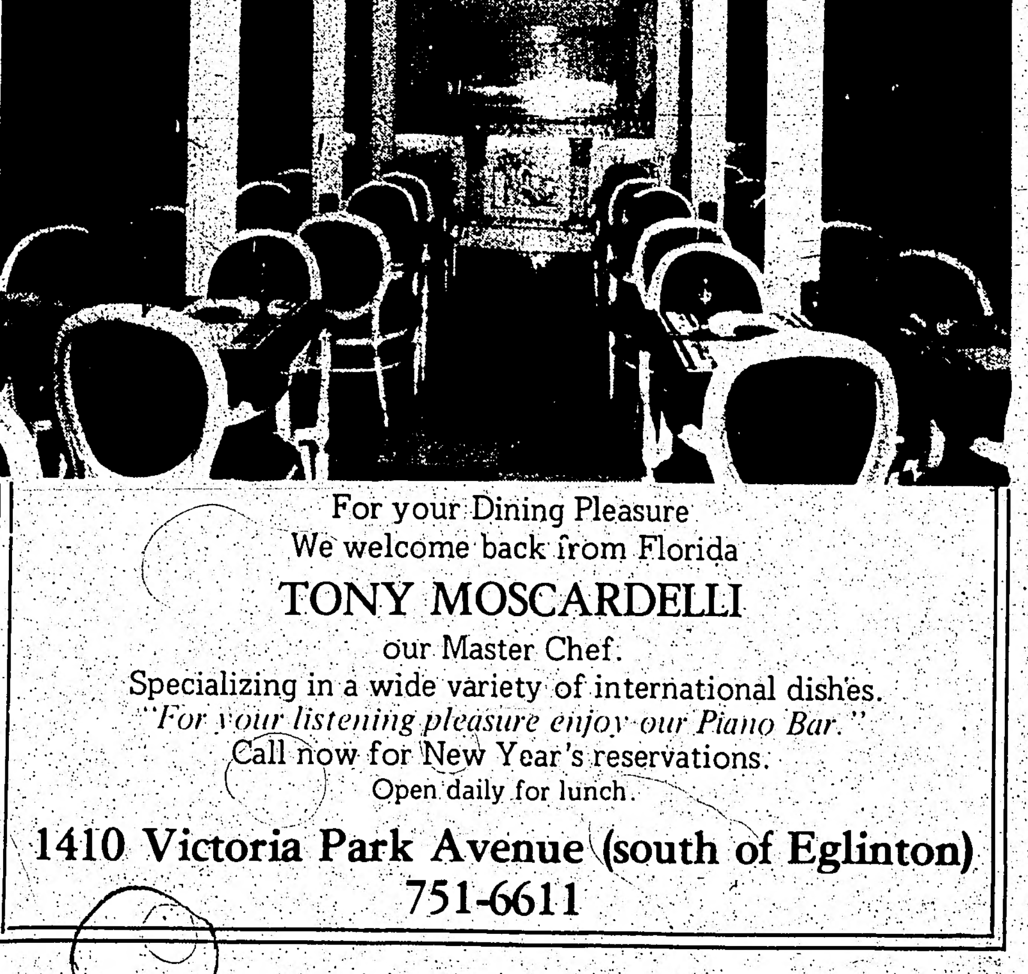

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New members elected for Winnipeg's education board by a mail-in ballot

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

The names of 12 members-at-large elected by mail-in ballot to the new Board of Jewish Education in Winnipeg were announced at the recent annual meeting of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council. The BJE will officially take office on January 1 when it assumes authority as the unified body that will be responsible for the operation of Winnipeg's four Jewish day schools.

Of the 12 members elected to the board, the six with the highest votes will serve for a two-year term. The other six will serve for one year and will then be eligible to run for a two year term. The calibre of the people elected is particularly significant.

Those who won a two-year term include: Dr. Riva Bartell, an associate professor of education at the University of Manitoba, and former board member of Ramah School, one of the four Jewish day schools.

Larry Fleisher, director of Winnipeg's child guidance clinic and assistant superintendent of the Winnipeg school division, who has also just been elected by acclamation to Winnipeg City Council as the result of a by-election. Fleisher is also a former board member of the ramah School.

Morley Globerman is a national vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, immediate past president of the Winnpeg Jewish Community Council, past CJA campaign chairman and a former chairman of the Talmud Torah Board of Education.

Serky Goldberg is a graduate of the Manitoba Teachers College and immediate past board chairman of the Talmud Torah and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate.

Yude M. Henteleff is a past president of the Canadian Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, and also a past president of Winnipeg's YMHA.

Les Marks is the executive director of the Winnipeg YMHA.

Those elected for one year include Babs Asper, Martin Buchwald, Evelyn Hecht, Dr. Norman Isler, Evelyn Katz and D. I. Victor, each of them with considerable experience in professional and Jewish community activities.

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Learn to read Hebrew quickly

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

If a person wants to study for 20 minutes a day for six weeks, they will be able to learn to read Hebrew, according to Edmond Lipsitz, director of educational culture for the Canadian Jewish Congress.

During the past two years Lipsitz has been working on a mini-Hebrew course that is geared to teach people how to read Hebrew.

Lipsitz told The Canadian Jewish News that he has visited many of the small communities in Ontario and has found "sometimes there is no Hebrew teacher or rabbi available.

"In other situations, people would love to learn Hebrew, but they have no time to go to lessons. Others," Lipsitz continued, "would love to go to shul, but they are embarrassed they can't read and are often afraid they'll be called for an aliyah."

These people have often asked Lipsitz for material to learn Hebrew, but in Lipsitz' opinion there wasn't really the right product available. That's why he had to develop his own teaching aid — a book and three cassettes selling for $18.

Lipsitz, who had to go to Israel to have his book typeset, said he wants "to make Jews literary Jews. They can listen to these tapes anyplace — in their cars as they drive — so there is no excuse for not learning."

So far he has received requests from New Zealand, Australia, and outposts in the Southern United States, for his course. But the requests that please Lipsitz the most are the ones flowing in from Ontario towns like Chatham and Sudbury.

The course, which Lipsitz has put together on his own time and out of his own pocket for $15,000, gives the listener basic information on how to read Hebrew words, to recite prayers and it also gives the background for the prayers.

Jim Dahl, Ontario director of New Horizons program [left], and Diane Phillips, Baycrest day care group worker [right], kiss Mary Saltzman, 85, star of day care's motion picture, "One Member's Experience"

85-year-old stars in film

TORONTO —

Star Trek wasn't the only movie to premiere in Toronto this month. The Movie Maker Club of Baycrest Day Care Service premiered **One Member's Experience,** a 26 minute sound/color motion picture starring 85-year old Mary Saltzman, on Dec. 3.

The movie, which was funded by a New Horizons grant, has been almost four years in the making since the Club members only meet for an hour once a week. Other cast members in feature roles are Isaac Kravitz, 92, and Jona Pashut, 81, who play the roles of special friends of the star. The other members of Day Care play themselves. Camera, sound and script duties were handled by Gisia Danckier, 78, Gina Gudizon, 75, Grete Katz, 75, Sadie Jacobs, 77, and Eugenia Lobl, 77.

The premiere was held in the Abe Posluns Auditorium at the Jewish Home for the Aged with family members and officials as guests. Spotlights played over the audience before the screening, all cast and crew members were introduced afterward and the club presented a special plaque to Joe Black of Graphic Artists who edited the more than 50 reels of film and created the musical soundtrack. Group worker Diane Phillips who assisted the club throughout the entire process from concept to premiere was Mistress of Ceremonies.

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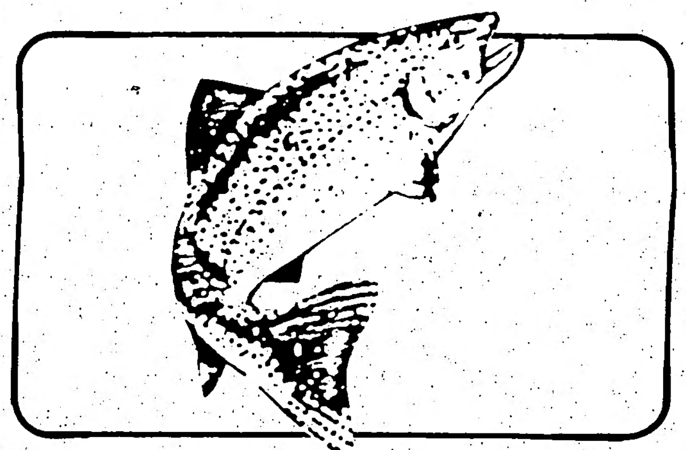

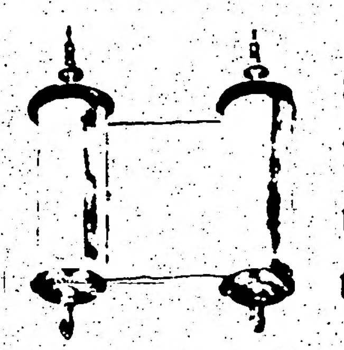

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Meekaytz/Chanukah 5740/Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Weekly Halacha: It is an especially great mitzvah to put on Tefillen this Thursday and Friday morning, which are both Chanukah and Rosh Chodesh.

A good name is the most precious possession a man has. It can only be acquired by honesty, goodness, humility.

There lived in Grodno a certain governor who was a great anti-Semite, and caused the Jews much harm. He had a great respect, though, for Reb Nachum'ka Grodner, who was known as a saint.

Once on a New Year's day a delegation of Jews came to visit the Governor and wish him a happy, successful New Year. Among the delegation was Reb Nachum. As his delegation was leaving, the governor called Reb Nachum aside and asked:

"Listen, I'm surprised at you. I've caused the Jews a great deal of trouble and I know what they think of me. I know how 'sincere' their blessings are. I'm surprised that you too give me such false blessings."

"G-d forbid," answered Reb Nachun. "I meant every word. I hope that G-d raises you up to higher office in St. Petersburg — we won't have you as governor of Grodno anymore!"

The greatest name is a Jewish name. A name for being a good Jew, a Jew who keeps the commandments — and also a Jew who is proud of his Jewish name.

Consider . . . when the young Joseph was able to interpret Pharaoh's dream, the king made him minister all over Egypt. Immediately Pharaoh changed Joseph's name to a good, Egyptian name, "Tzophnat Paneah". It had a nice, Egyptian ring.

What happened to the name? **"Vayetze Yossef — And Joseph went out over Egypt . . ."** It doesn't say that Tzophnat Paneah went out, but Joseph, plain, Jewish sounding Joseph.

What happened to Joseph's Egyptian name? He threw it into the dump heap. Why did he need an Egyptianized name when he had a good Jewish name already? Why did he have to ape the Egyptians, when he could be just as successful without it.

No Jew was ever stopped because he used his Jewish name. Recently there was an article in this paper about Canada's top immigration lawyer whose first name is Mendel. His beautiful Jewish name never held him back. And there are hundreds of others.

Why must Jewish parents seek out odd, pagan-rooted names for their children, when they already have chosen beautiful names — the Jewish name of the brit or baby naming!

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Once a person has a Jewish name, he has to know what to do with it, though. A Jew's name should always be associated with love, charity, doing mitzvas, the beautiful, the fine — not with shameful, unethical, shrewd dealings.

We have enough enemies who want to make our names synonymous with evil.

Imagine . . . Joseph predicted seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. When the seven fat years came, nothing was said. But when the seven lean years began, it mentions . . . **ka'asher omar Yoseph'. . .** like Joseph predicted . . . Immediately when the famine came, the Egyptians began associating Joseph's name with it — as though it was the Jew's fault!

If ring around the collar is no good for a shirt, it certainly is no good for a person's name. We must keep our names clean, above reproach.

Life is short. We don't know what's in store for us from day to day. Health, wealth, suffering, sickness — we're just puppets in G-d hands. The only thing we control is our own holiness, our souls, our good name before G-d. Shabbat Shalom.

Dimont slams Oy, Oy history depicting Jew always as victim

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

Let's say No. No to the Oy, Oy version of Jewish history, Max Dimont, author of the popular **Jews, God and History,** urged an overflow crowd of about 600 people at Jewish Book Fair's opening night at the Jewish Community Centre recently.

Delighting his audience with a stream of anecdotes and self-deprecating humor, Dimont pooh-poohed the platitudes and lamentations about the Jew as "the shnook of history always pushed by everyone else to the slaughter bench."

"Rather," he retorted, "the Jew is a man of grandeur surviving where others have been destroyed.

"We have turned the Jewish resistance against the Romans — one of history's most epic battles — into a boring footnote," he continued.

"Where Alexander the Great used 32,000 infantry to carve out his empire, and Caesar used 25,000 legionnaires to conquer Gaul and invade Britain, Titus needed 80,000 legionnaires and 10,000 cavalry to defeat a military force of Jews estimated at only 23,000 — and the battle took four years."

He pointed out that the Jews inaugurated Judaeo-Christianity, which carried the Old Testament to the pagans of the world and spread the concept of Torah.

The era of the Middle Ages which followed upon the calamitous barbarian invasion — a period where Jews were no more victimized than anyone else — has also been misrepresented as a period of rampant anti-Semitism, he remarked.

In an age of faith and absolute truths, all religions conflicted, commented the popular author, who was born in Helsinki, Finland, and was later educated in the U.S.

In the 1500s there were also economic, as well as religious reasons for isolating the Jews in ghettos. The Jews had to make room for the newly emerging Christian bourgeoisie, he explained.

Max Dimont

In the period of the Renaissance, Jews sat down with non-Jews to bring Jewish biblical scholarship and humanism to the Dark Ages. Jews, he insisted, were not just pedlars and usurers, as they have been commonly represented in the Middle Ages.

Turning his attentions to the Marranos, Dimont, who relishes his controversial image, derided the traditional picture of the Marranos as pious Jews forcibly converted to Christianity.

According to this myth, the Marranos' love of Judaism was so great that they risked their lives to secretly practise their religion. But new historical research reveals otherwise, said Dimont.

Rather, the Marranos wanted to remain Catholics and in fact had converted so that they could penetrate the highest orders of society — including the Church. It was their successful rise to power that was perceived as threatening to Christians.

Concerned with the purity of Catholicism from the profane opportunism of the converted Jews, and also converted Moslems, Torquemada, the notorious Spanish inquisitor, resolved to stamp out heresy.

Dimont told his audience he did not want to whitewash Torquemada or the horror of the Inquisition but that this episode should be understood within the context of the times.

So, too, should the response of East European Jews during the Holocaust be re-examined in a more objective light, Dimont went on to say.

Jews fought valiantly within partisan groups and helped sabotage the whole German war effort, he stressed.

But for those Jews in the concentration camps, why do people ask why the Jews did not fight back? Does anybody ask this question about the 70,000 American soldiers taken prisoners by the Japanese during the notorious Bataan death march? What about the seven million Christians and the three million Russians who also died in camps, Dimont asked rhetorically.

He criticized noted author Hannah Arendt for her representation of the "passivity" of the Jews.

"Schmaltzy, Oy, Oy history has created a negative image of the Jew which is now being swept away with the research of contemporary Jewish historians," said Dimont who candidly admitted that there was nothing original in his own work.

"I stand on the shoulders of the best Jewish historians," he said. "It is their work which I synthesize and write about."

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and the Jewish Cultural Council of Toronto Jewish Congress in affiliation with the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations and the Israel Frankel Jewish Public Library, the Book Fair is now in its third year. Book Fair chairperson was Roberta Bucovetsky.

Kishinev refuseniks desire to go to Israel

By VIVIEN SHARON

Kishinev is a city in the Soviet Union located some 800 miles south west of Moscow near the Black Sea. Few realize that Kishinev has a population of 60,000 Jews, roughly 17% of that city's total population.

Yet this pocket of Jewish life has been cut off from the Western Jewish world since its annexation to the U.S.S.R. in 1941. (Previously it was part of Rumania.) Not only have Kishinev Jews been isolated from Judaism, but also from all communication with the west — unlike Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev — where tourists and journalists gather.

It has been said that only one Jewish history book existed in the region, and that was in Odessa, some 200 miles away. That was their tragic fate until some seven years ago, their "existence" was discovered.

"I first came in contact with a Refusnik from Kishinev by telephone. We spoke in Yiddish," recalls Jeanette Goldman, 44, a Toronto mother of four and longtime worker on behalf of Soviet Jewry. "As we spoke it was clear he wanted to form an activist Jewish movement in Kishinev."

With him, said Mrs. Goldman, contact began on a regular basis, with phone calls either weekly or bi-weekly. "Even though the leaders have changed over the years as they receive permission to go to Israel, these calls are crucial — they are their lifeline to the West."

Refusniks pass on vital information by phone that includes messages to Israel, protest letters recorded by tape, information on violation of human rights, arrests, detainments, harassments, illegal searches and exit visas granted or denied. One also learns of their cultural activity and seminars on Jewish history and Hebrew language that they might be holding undercover.

Telephone communication has spawned a flurry of activity and community interest on behalf of Kishinev Jews (and those living in periphery towns) through the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, of which Jeanette Goldman is a member. It operates, more specifically, under the highly visible World Jewry Committee of NCJW.

"We are the only group in the world with direct communication with these Jews," says Marsha Slavens, 31, committee chairman and mother of two. "I've become addicted to the cause," admits Mrs. Slavens, who started out four years ago as a grassroots worker. "And I haven't missed one meeting yet."

Why Kishinev?

Replies Jeanette Goldman, who recently became NCJW's national World Jewry chairman: "These Jews are unique because 99% of them want to settle only in Israel. They have a strong Jewish tradition, since Kishinev was much longer outside the Soviet sphere."

Mrs. Goldman, who has been communicating by phone since the early 1970's, has developed such a close rapport with adopted Refusniks that it prompted her to relearn Russian. "Talking Yiddish wasn't good enough," she concedes, "so I spent two years improving my Russian by tape, which I'd slowly forgotten since university."

Placing calls to Kishinev is a frustrating procedure and very time consuming. Adds Mrs. Goldman: "The noise on the phone is impossible. We are disconnected hundreds of times, always when a name or crucial information is being conveyed. Sometimes, to offset a Russian operator, I call in the middle of the night."

Each conversation, which can last up to one hour, is tape-recorded and then transcribed. She then feeds all information to Sam Resnick, director, Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Israeli Consulate in New York, and to numerous Soviet Jewry groups across the U.S. and in London, England.

Since last year, the committee has adopted 25 Refusniks; nine have already settled in Israel. Jeanette Goldman, who visited Israel two summers ago, reported that they have "settled well."

The World Jewry committee, which meets monthly at Willowdale's Council House, has a small operational budget. It covers the essentials; phone calls, telegrams, mailing of letters and New Years cards, shipment of parcels (containing denim jeans, sunglasses, scarves, fabrics, gloves, socks and stockings, all of which are donated) and magazine subscriptions — all sent to the 25 adopted Refusniks.

Conversion only the start

Cont'd from Page 3

often hesitant about their positions on important matters of child-raising, holidays and observances of customs.

Born Jews have to be educated to the concerns of the convert and we must learn to help each other. It is not unusual, she noted, for the converted Jew to help the born Jew realize the richness of Judaic values and traditions.

Ms. Kukoff was joined in the outreach task force report by Josephine Narva and Rabbi Bernard Mehlman from Temple Israel in Boston, and Rabbi Sanford Selzer, director of the task force.

Rabbi Mehlman and Mrs. Narva described their temple's outreach program to the newly converted which helped achieve greater integration into the congregation and the Jewish community as well as emphasizing the practices in food, Shabbat and holiday preparation.

Rabbi Selzer revealed the results of a questionnaire sent to his congregants examining attitudes towards the non-Jewish spouses of synagogue members.

He said that, among other findings, congregants reported virtual unanimity on the question of accepting the child born of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother as fully Jewish even without the mother's conversion.

The growing movement within Reform ranks in the United States to change Jewish law to permit paternal as well as maternal lineage to determine a child's Jewishness was one of the most controversial issues of the whole biennial assembly.

Nazi book banned

BONN, [JCNS] —

The West German government is drafting legislation to forbid the sale of original Nazi literature, such as Hitler's **Mein Kampf.**

In June, the Supreme Court in Karlsruhe had ruled that this book, together with other literature published before the present West German State was established in 1949, could be sold in the country.

A government spokesman said that this interpretation of the present law had not been foreseen.

SS man gets life

STADE, West Germany [JCNS]

During the trial here of former SS sergeant Erich Scharfetter, 71, the public prosecutor demanded that a sentence of life imprisonment be imposed on the accused 17 times. The prosecutor said proceedings had proved that the ex-SS man had been responsible for the murder of 17 Jewish prisoners at Nazi forced labour camps in Estonia in 1943 and 1944.

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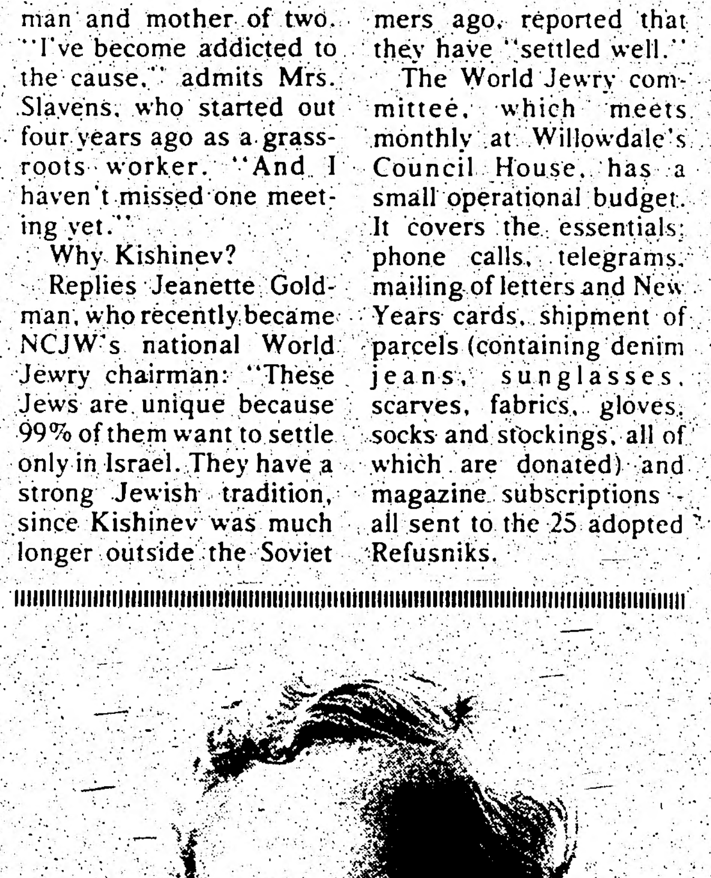

Joseph Kerzner of Toronto has been elected president of Beth Tzedec Congregation. He's a board member of Mt. Sinai Hospital and Baycrest Centre.

Organizations and People

The material in this column was supplied and space purchased by the United Jewish Appeal.

Zvi Garcy, left, was guest speaker at policy meeting of newly-organized Food and Beverage division. With him are Harvey Rosen, associate chairman, Sid Chelsky, Jerry Goldenberg and Ralph Snow, chairman.

After an eight-month sabbatical in Jerusalem this past year, **Leonard Fine** of Goodman & Carr, is taking on the chairmanship for the Lawyers division. Leonard has been actively involved in previous UJA campaigns and he tells us he comes to the 1980 campaign "renewed" and all fired up after the time spent in Israel.

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We had an excellent turnout at a breakfast meeting of the Construction division this past week and we distributed a lot of cards. It was so good to see the old familiar faces and many new ones who came out early in the day to hear **Zvi Garcy,** who took off for Israel that same evening.

Along with co-chairman **David Mogil,** were **Earl Pullan, David Robbins, Sigmund Soudack, Stephen Berger, Bob Ziner, Jack Kosoy, Max Zeifman, Charles Anthony, Dave Kagan, Jack Hahn, Bill Clarfield, Allen Blackstein, Gary Silver, Willie Leibach, Irving Green.**

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With **Elie Wolfson** again at the helm, the dentists are going into high gear. Last week they held the first of two telethons and they completed a great many cards. On hand were **Mitchell Levine, Howard Tile, Richard Rodney, Alan Gans** and **Allan Freedman.**

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I was pleased to learn that **Lawrence Bloomberg** has agreed to co-chair the Brokers division along with **Myron Gottlieb.**

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A reminder to all contributors: if you still owe on your UJA pledge, now is the time to send in your cheque. Payments received by the end of December are tax deductible for the 1979 taxation year.

But it's not only a matter of tax savings.

Israel urgently needs cash — NOW.

A letter from our old friend, **Harry Rosen,** of the Jewish Agency, stresses the extremely tight financial bind the Jewish Agency is in and points out that "the immediate relief is in cash — in collecting as quickly as possible as much as possible of the millions of dollars outstanding in campaign receivables."

Harry says the programs for care of the elderly, for housing immigrants, for rural settlement, for disadvantaged children are all in jeopardy because of the cash shortage. "Unless the cash is forthcoming, these programs will have to be cut," he says. "But what do we cut?"

Harry continues: "It's a Solomon's choice. We know the consequences of reducing the number of children we can help. We know the cost to Israel of turning away thousands of immigrants because we can't provide housing for them. We know agonizingly well the cost of reducing aid to poverty-stricken elderly. The only way we can relieve the problem is through cash — cash NOW".

It's obvious from Harry's letter that the situation is desperate. Let's do our share in easing the burden.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: **Shimon Peres,** speaking in Toronto, said that "for 30 years we have been busy building a state. Now, we must build a society. Zionism has been an Ashkenazi dream and a Sephardic realization. It's time to blend the two . . ."

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The UJA Thursday Morning Club has been officially instituted. Membership cards and buttons have been distributed to those who are regulars at these early-bird meetings, and the list is growing. Welcome to the club!

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There will be no publication of the CJN next week, so all the best and see you after the New Year!

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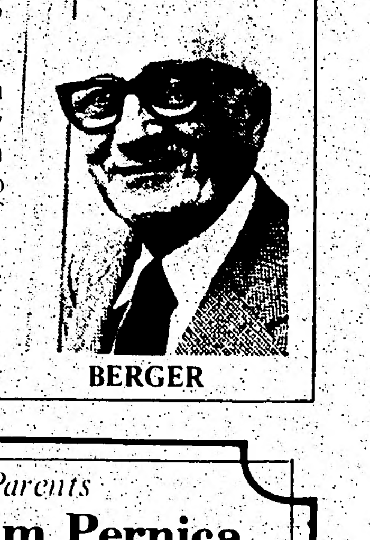
CANVASSER OF THE DECADE— The end of a decade is an appropriate time to look back and, in doing so, we find one consistent pattern which, thankfully, never seemed to change: **Stephen Berger** was as enthusiastic a canvasser at the beginning of the 70s (and long before that) as he is now. Stephen never falters in his determination and efforts to raise as much as possible for UJA. He takes the "bad" cards with the "good." He covers friends and people he doesn't know with equal impartiality. In many cases, he is the first person to welcome a newcomer to the community—and, of course, gets a gift for UJA.

It's a pleasure to name Stephen as the Canvasser of the Decade.



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Send resume to Ted Sokolsky, Regional Director, B'nai Brith Youth Organization, 15 Hove Street, Downsview, Ontario M3H 4Y8.

On the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, Beatrice and George Kolender receive a goblet from Norman White, in recognition of the gift of medical equipment to the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. *You may phone 781–3584 for details as to how to honor your parents.*

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Jack Gwartz presents gold medal to Marvelle Koffler at recent Negev dinner honoring her husband, Murray. Looking on is Dr. Ralph Halbert.

Beth Jacob graduates have dignity

By RUTH GOLDSMITH

TORONTO —

Beth Jacob High School teaches a philosophy for Jewish women that runs counter to the norms of a society that exploits and abuses the dignity, the charm and the appeal of women, Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner told more than 400 people at the school's annual banquet.

"Beth Jacob teaches concepts of modesty and decency in a world which has vulgarized and dehumanized women. Modesty is not simply a way of dressing. It is a style, an attitude, that must be transmitted in a society where aggressiveness and chutzpah are important ingredients for success among women today," Kerzner said.

"Hebrew prayerbooks that were once stained by tears are now marked with lipstick. Yet Beth Jacob must teach students to walk humbly with God in a world where privacy and intimacy are not respected," he said.

The spiritual leader of Clanton Park Synagogue said that even secular academicians claim that education cannot be taught — it must be caught. "Whether a student knows a few more facts or has more information is not the criteria for the success of a school. The question is: what kind of human being will be created? What will happen to that student in life? Will she acquire that intangible dimension of sanctity?

"Today objective ethical norms have been supplanted by situation ethics. Deviations from normal family life are now called alternate lifestyles and the institution of marriage is no longer sacrosanct. It is the challenge of Beth Jacob to educate Jewish girls to live effectively in this society," Kerzner said.

David d'Ancona presented a plaque to Rabbi Moishe J. Bobrowsky, the "visionary, architect and builder of Beth Jacob High School." Rabbi Bobrowsky was president of the school for 18 years.

Holocaust meet draws crowds

By JERRY M. LERMAN

TORONTO —

A symposium, "Crisis in Teaching the Holocaust", was delivered by three experts to an overflow, attentive audience at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue recently. The lectures were sponsored as a Jewish Book Month special program by The Israel Frankel Public Library and the Institute for Holocaust Studies at Bar Ilan University, in coordination with the synagogue's adult education committee.

An impressive book display was set up. And many treasured readings were available on the subject for the public to browse at.

The library's director, Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein, set the tone of the evening when he said: "We are here tonight to learn and to approach the issue with humility and awe."

Arnold Ages, professor of French language and literature at the University of Waterloo, spoke on the topic "Hidden lessons of the Holocaust." Ages related human emotions to historical events of the period. He went on to ask how one can refrain from such discussion or what answers can we give to a subject which "clogs our consciousness...when hell was staged on earth.. and atrocity had become the expression of our history."

Furthermore, he said, data found in archives, memoranda, and journals pertaining to the 1933-45 war era reveal a 'triangular conspiracy theory.' Take, for example, Germany. At first, National Socialist leaders let unruly mobs ransack and pillage Jewish property; but after 1938 it took a more direct role and helped organize and legitimize the riots. The Western powers played their parts too, in what Ages called 'a silent acquiescence.' In Britain, for instance, colonial office communiques were issued asking that all Jews be kept away from ports of entry. When Jewish refugees looked for compassion toward her majesty's allied government, they were turned away as burdens to the war effort. American leadership also offered very little comfort to us. In fact, the Roosevelt presidency adopted a low profile throughout the war years.

Dr. Vivian Rakoff, head of the department of psychiatry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, delivered the speech, "The continuing effects of the Holocaust." Dr. Rakoff is known for pioneer work in problems affecting the children of survivors.

Speaking about the psychological aspects, he cited ". . . the hopelessness, continuous anxiety, repetitive nightmares so typical to many second generation children."

The clinical words applied to Holocaust survivors and their offspring were angrily rebutted by many in the audience. One woman "dismissed Rakoff altogether."

Dr. Michael Berenbaum's address was titled "Are we trying to teach the unteachable." As deputy director of Commission on the Holocaust for the President of the United States, he dealt with personal findings on the issue as it is taught at the governmental level. According to Dr. Berenbaum the Holocaust was a 12-year ongoing program. It was unique, and unlike all other previous anti-Semitic outbreaks.

With the coming of Kristalnacht in 1938, anti-Semitism was institutionalized — it had become an integral part of state law!

We are "caught in a quagmire," he declared. "How do we teach the truth . . . how do we try to understand it? We must learn in the most universal language applicable; it is in our own protection from the madness that haunts us in the night."

Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth [fifth from left] accepts a cheque for Friends of Ezra and Kadima Schools from president Joe Freedman. From left: Lea Marvin, Faegie Gold, Eleanor Kates, Pauline Gluckstein and Dave Libman.

HEBREW LESSON

VOCABULARY

HELLO	— SHALOM	ROOMS	— HAHDAHREEM
SIR	— AHDONEE	IN	— BAH
I	— AHNEE	THIS	— HAHZEH
WANT	— ROTZAH (f.s.)	SEVEN	— SHEEVAH (m.)
TO BUY	— LEEKNOT	LARGE	— GDOLEEM (m.p.)
HOUSE	— BAHEET (m.)*	IS	— YESH
PLEASE	— BEHVAHKAHSHAH	GARDEN	— GAHN **
SIT DOWN	— LAHSHEHVEHT	YES	— KEHN
MADAM	— GEHVEHREHT	POSSIBLE	— EHFSHAHR
I HAVE	— YEHSH LEE	TO SEE	— LEEROT
NICE	— YAHFEH (m.)	THIS	— ZEH
AND	— VEH	NOT	— LO
LARGE	— GAHDOHL (m.s.*)	FAR**	— RAHCHOK
HOW MANY	— KAHMAH	FROM HERE	— MEEPOH

Note: "Ch" is pronounced as Chala and Chutzpah.

Translate the following dialogue:

Mrs. Cohen	Hello, sir. I want to buy (a) house
Mr. Levy	Please sit down, madam. I have (a) *nice and *large house
Mrs. Cohen	How many rooms in **this house?
Mr. Levy	Seven *large rooms
Mrs. Cohen	Is (there) (a) garden near the house?
Mr. Levy	Yes, madam. (There) is (a) *nice garden near the house
Mrs. Cohen	(Is it) possible to see this?
Mr. Levy	Yes, the house (is) not far from here

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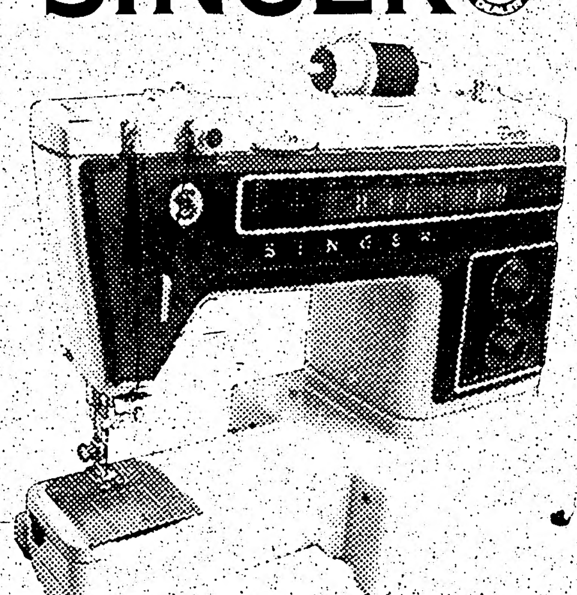

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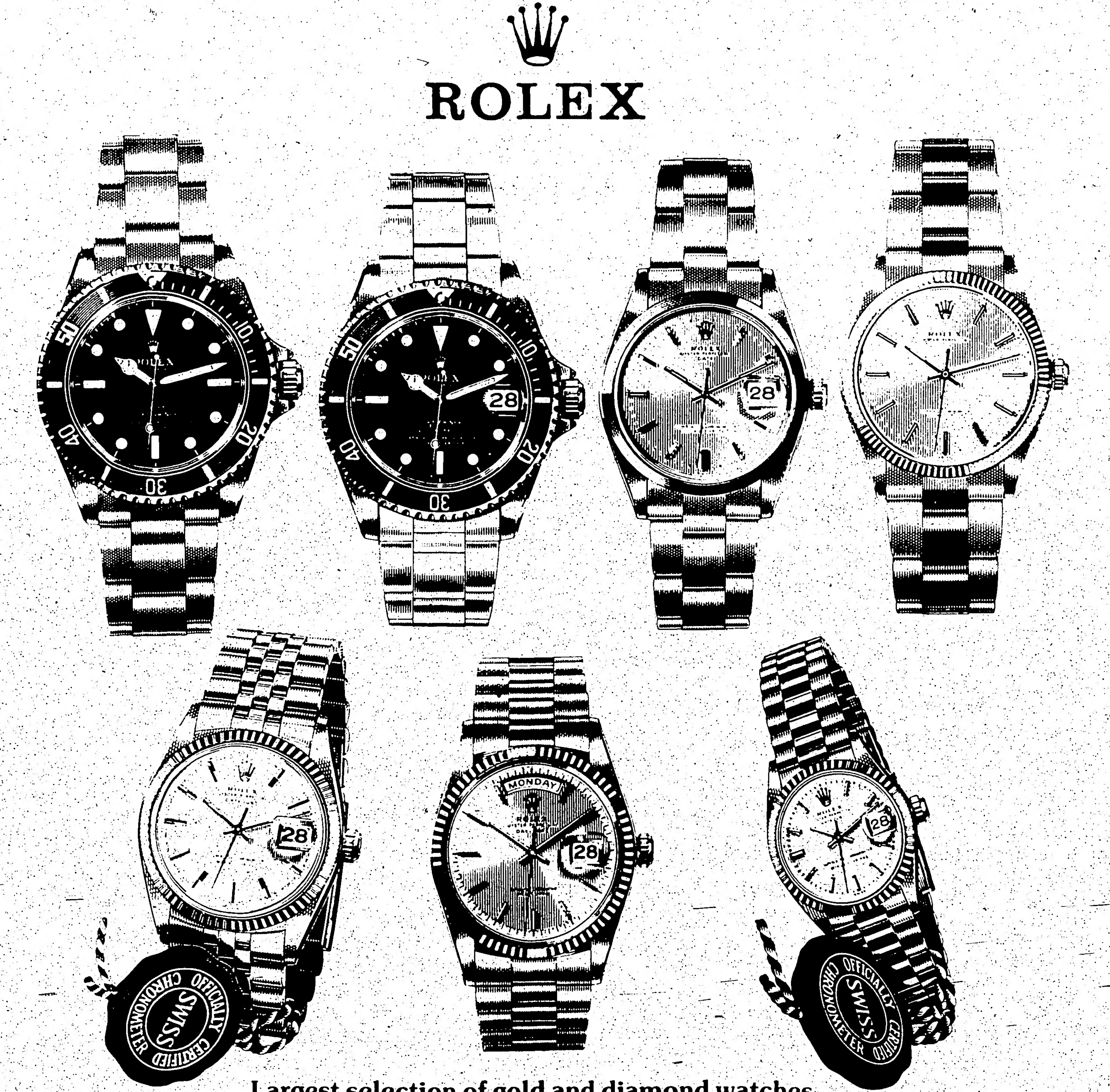

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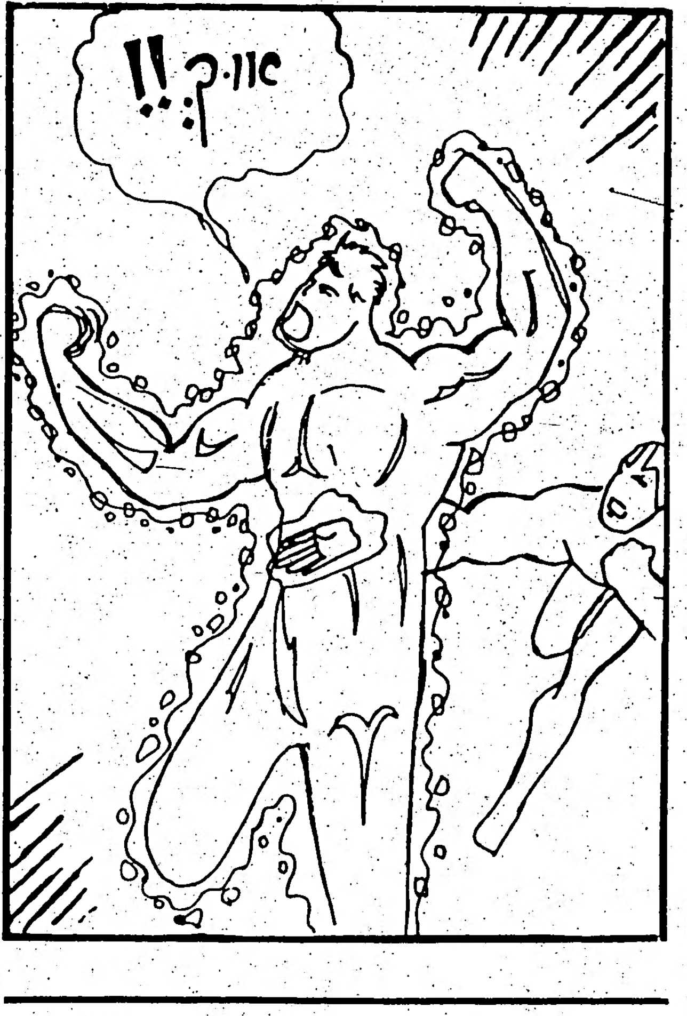


art

By MARSHA ROVAN

Uri Fink is a Tel Aviv student who has been voraciously reading comics, and doodling along the margins of his school books, for as long as he can remember. Now, at the age of 16, he is the author and artist of the first-ever Israeli superhero comic, Sabraman.

One of the attractions of this year's book fair at the Jewish Community Centre, will be the first two issues of Uri's comic book, alongside some of his original drawings. Even Sabraman T-shirts will be available.

In Toronto for the exhibition, Uri spoke about his story in a flawless easy-going English which he credits American comic books with having taught him. The drawing he taught himself. He began with caricatures and cartoons from his personal life — family, teachers, even himself — but soon became enchanted with challenges of the superhero theme.

One day, as the story goes, he sent some drawings off to David Herman of Good Times Publishing, producer of easy-reading English language publications for Israelis. Herman was impressed enough to become Uri's publisher and manager and the rest, will be if it isn't already, history.

Super-Agent Shin-18 (alias Sabraman) is a pretty average guy as far as super-heroes go. As the comic book tell us, "With his amazing ability to defy the force of gravity he flies with astonishing speed over the Judean desert," combating foes like Hyperman, Shadowman and Powerman. He's your average "Israeli agent trying to save humanity."

Although inspired by, and styled after the superhero comics North American kids are raised on, Uri's Sabraman takes off with a distinct Israel flavor. With a cry of "Holy falafel!" he flies away because "in Tel Aviv that's the only way to go," and besides, "it sure beats bus number 4."

Sometimes the parallels are of a more significant nature, reflective of the difficult and very real aspects of Israeli life and historical events.

At 15, Uri had written his autobiography (short but sweet). Now, with the first two issues of his comic-book behind him, and the third due soon, his ambitions are to study graphics and further involve himself in the art of comics. It is an art that he perceives as being "another form of expression that falls between movies and books." He has begun a Sabraman Club, and projects toward a letter column (Sabramail) which would invite members to write in. Says, Uri, "I would like the readers to be the real editors. They should write and tell me what they like," c/o Sabraman Comics, Israel POB 3576 Jerusalem.

That's great, Uri. But in the meantime, here I am hanging on to the last page of issue number 2. Sabraman is up against a mighty foe and things don't look so good for our boy. I'll be looking for the next issue.

Surprised by Adaskin

music

By RICK KARDONNE

What role has the East European Jewish heritage had in creating three generations of Jewish violinists throughout the world? What have the famous Jewish violinists said about their Jewish heritage?

Most have reflected positively on that heritage, even the universalist Yehudi Menuhin. It was therefore disappointing to hear Toronto-raised, Vancouver-based Harry Adaskin (the object of a recent CBC-TV hour long documentary entitled **To Play Like an Angel**) not only deride his early-childhood Jewish environment in Toronto's lower west side but also attribute his present humanistic philosophies not at all to Judaism but rather to trendy cults; some of which have formed the bases for anti-Semitic ideologies elsewhere.

I wouldn't have minded had Adaskin simply stated that he longed to escape early-20th-century Spadina-Kensington solely because of its economic deprivation. But to then go on and attack its "lack of education", citing that factor as being the principal reason for his desire to escape that district smacks of Jewish self-hatred. Many other Jewish cultural notables who grew up in the same area and its North American equivalent also longed to escape the poverty but also had the highest regard for the rich Jewish intellectual traditions and high value placed upon education which enabled the escape from the poverty to be so relatively speedy.

Later on, he attributes much of his personal philosophy-of-life (on which he is allowed to generously and often smugly expound) on a cult known as theosophy. According to the eminent philosophical-historian George L. Mosse, in his book **The Crisis of German Ideology: The Intellectual Origins of the Third Reich,** theosophy was a favorite cult of German proto-Nazi thinkers at the turn of the century. Does Harry Adaskin know this? Also, he is shown celebrating Christmas with his son in Winnipeg, which would be legitimate if his wife, pianist Frances, is not Jewish. But if this is so; why not show Chanukah as well?

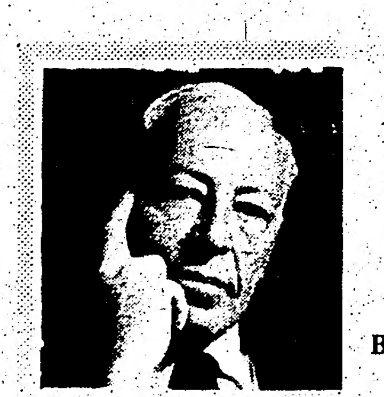
This aside; **To Play Like An Angel** exhibited the dignified, sensitive documentary crafstmanship of producer-director Nancy Ryley; highlighted by artistically scenic portrayals of Vancouver, one of the world's most beautiful cities. I'd very much like to see her produce-direct a similar documentary on a positively Jewish serious musician; of whom there are many in Canada.

Contemporary serious Canadian music in the last twenty years was surveyed by the Celebration Concert honoring the 20th anniversary of the Canadian Music Centre on Oct. 20 (presented by New Music Concerts) at University of Toronto's Walter Hall. Many brief selections were performed. I personally would have preferred to have seen excerpts from some of the more major works (such as Harry Somers' **Louis Riel]** presented rather than so many brief and seemingly lightweight compositions which, as a result, presented an overall impression of much dessert but little meat.

And so, the most successful selections were the spoofs: especially Harry Freedman's **The Entertainer,** an intelligently theatrical satire of music analysis and criticism. This playful pastiche was constructed around the profound statement: "a scream does not always mean great emotion." Other memorable whimsies included John Beck with's **Canada Dot** (a pop-musical equivalent of Roy Liechtenstein's Campbell-soup-can paintings of the same year — 1966) and John Weinzweig's **Private Collection** (featuring a cleverly charming lyrical interplay around the phrase Hello Rico).

A matter of journalistic taste: I sincerely hope that in deciding whether or not to see Menachem Golan's movie **The Magician of Lublin,** (which features a soundtrack score by Israel's foremost show composer Dov Seltzer), people will discount the validity of Jay Scott's vicious **Globe & Mail** review, which, characterized by its excessively obscene invective, in my opinion, insults common standards of journalistic good taste.

Love of holy books has long resulted now in widespread literacy and culture for Jews



books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Through the long centuries Jews have enjoyed an intense and continuous love affair with the book. Ben Gurion, an ardent bibliophile all his life, asserted: "More than the Jewish people preserved the book, has the book preserved the Jewish people."

Even during the Dark Ages when only a few non-Jews could sign their name, Jews had already developed a system of universal education. At a time when the concept of adult education was unheard of, many Jews regarded it as a sacred duty to engage in daily study. In Eastern Europe, humble artisans and manual workers would come together regularly for systematic study and discussion.

A variety of laws and customs developed over the ages to protect books. It was not permitted, for example, to place any article on top of a book or manuscript. A holy book, if it fell to the floor, had to be picked up lovingly and kissed. The first objects that must be rescued from a burning house are books. Of course, a book could not be used as a weapon, a shield or as an instrument of punishment. A medieval sage suggested, "To three possessions thou shouldst look; acquire a field, a friend, a book." If a person because of reduced circumstances is forced to sell his property he should dispose first of his jewelry and estates, and if there is no alternative, with his library.

Because books were expensive and most Jews poor, it was considered especially meritorious to lend one's volumes. A sacred text exhorts Jews to lend books even to those with whom they are on bad terms. It suggests also, "if a man has two sons, one of whom is averse to lending his books while the other does so willingly, he should have no hesitation in leaving all his library to the second son, even though he be the younger."

Torn or worn books and scraps of pages or documents were not destroyed but usually placed in a special synagogue receptacle or repository. Eventually these "sheimot" were buried in consecrated ground and many "mourners" accompanied the fragments to the cemetery to show their respect for the written or printed word.

It was just such a rich repository in the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo that Professor Solomon Schechter discovered in 1896. In the attic repository or "genizah" of the synagogue were 100,000 manuscripts, in part or in whole, which members of the community had been storing for hundreds of years. Works of Jewish scholarship were unearthed from this trove of material that had been unknown until that time.

The Jewish reverence of books spilled over to include booksellers and bookbinders. In what other culture would a distinguished writer call himself "Mendele Mokher Seforim" — "Mendele the Bookseller"? Even small communities had special societies for the mending and the binding of books to which Jews, rich and poor, were eager to contribute. To aid such a fund was to engage in the great mitzvah of protecting the community's library.

Properly understood, a book is a miracle. By means of letters — intricate symbols of communication — abstract thoughts and ideas are conveyed. Across the span of centuries, without regard to geography, the book speaks. It has the power to teach, inspire, activate and delight. It can dilate the mind, open windows on new horizons, foment revolution and sustain the troubled spirit. It is no wonder that Charles Lamb maintained that there is more reason for saying grace before one begins a new book than before a meal. For a meal and its satisfactions are soon forgotten, but the power and influence of a worthy book are unending.

Today, as in the past, books are not a luxury for Jews. They serve to familiarize him with his rich heritage and enable him to face the world armed with knowledge and self-respect. Books help us to establish lines of communication with the values, ideals, thoughts and aspirations of our people.

It is tragic to live in a complex society without knowing who you are, where you have been, and where you are going. A Jew takes to heart both the admonition addressed to Joshua: "This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night."

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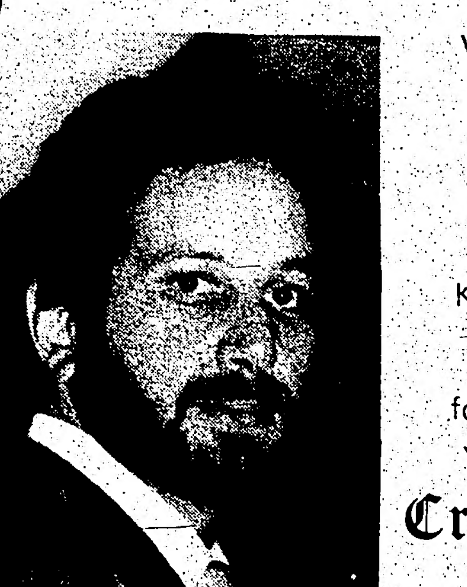

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Stark reality of Dachau intrudes on peaceful German countryside

By LARRY FROMMER

DACHAU — The euphoria is like a narcotic which tranquilizes the senses. Tall poplars are fanned by the gentle winds of Indian summer. The tints of autumn have not yet deserted the leaves. A narrow stream meanders peacefully through wooded groves, yellow and orange flowers emblazon the landscape and the sky casts a brilliant October hue.

But like all narcotics this bucolic state of the German countryside wears off all too quickly, no longer able to obscure stark and painful realities. For beneath the courtly poplars are barbed wire stone walls upon which are perched turreted guard houses. Between the walls are remnants of prison barracks which herded thousands of human beings into quarters designed for hundreds. Adjacent to the tranquil stream is a crematorium. Everywhere there are stone and bronze memoria to those who withered and perished by dint of inhumanity.

This is Dachau, the first of the German concentration camps; the blueprint of Nazi depravity; the pilot project of the Holocaust; the harbinger of an atrocity syndrome unparalelled in the annals of mankind.

It was opened in 1933, long before the extermnination camps of Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Treblinka and the like were systematically liquidating their millions. Mass genocide was still on the drawing board of the master race and Dachau was erected implicitly for the incarceration of political enemies of the Nationalist regime. By transporting so called "undesirables" to Dachau, it was hoped to isolate all of the nation's dissidents in one place.

Included in the category of "political enemy" were Jews, political opponents, dissident clergy, gypsies and in time prisoners of war. All told, in the 12 years of its existence more than 206,000 prisoners were registered in Dachau.

But if Dachau didn't overtly exterminate, it totally debased and dehumanized. It is said that when a man entered its gates he surrendered three fundamental rights: the right of property, his human rights and the right of dignity. If there was not instant death, as in the extermination camps, there was an almost unbearable living death.

A Dachau prisoner was subject to the basest indignities and cruelties. Upon entering the camp he lost his name and became a number. Each day the camp's officers prescribed who was to be beaten, who was to be fed, who was to receive mail and who was to be ridiculed publicly. If on a given day it was a prisoner's good fortune to eat, he was permitted only two meals a day, breakfast consisting of a piece of dry bread and bitter ersatz coffee and a lunch of thin, tasteless soup.

More than 400 inmates were crammed together in each barrack, designed for no more than sixty. Despite these conditions prisoners were expected to keep their quarters meticulously clean and the merest fragment of litter or dust was cause for punishment. Because of the overcrowded conditions disease spread rapidly and many eventually succumbed to typhus or malnutrition. Heinous medical experiments were conducted on defenseless prisoners and the sick were frequently compelled to parade before the entire camp while officers hurled degrading insults at them.

If a famished prisoner was caught stealing food or his bunk wasn't immaculate, he was often flogged. Repeaters were frequently tortured or even hung at the stake. Any prisoner who came within 27 feet of the barbed wire walls of the camp was shot without warning by the SS guards in the towers.

In 1942 a gas chamber, camouflaged as a shower room, was built, but for some unexplainable reason it was never used. The prisoners selected for gassing were transported from Dachau to Hartheim Castle near Linz, Austria or other extermination camps.

It is estimated that 32,000 prisoners died in Dachau between 1933 and 1945, including thousands of Jews and Russian prisoners of war. The death rate by 1944 had become so rapid that there was not sufficient coal to cremate all of the bodies. Thus, when the Allies liberated the camp in 1945, they came upon the bizarre spectacle of hundreds of decaying bodies heaped high in a makeshift morgue, the crematorium's backlog of unfinished business.

The focal point for visitors today is a museum which once contained the camp's kitchen, its laundry facilities and the notorious shower baths where the SS tortured prisoners. Preserved there are many articles of clothing used in daily life by the prisoners, instruments of torture, photographs of crematorium operations and photo documentation of camp inmates.

At 3:30 p.m. daily in the museum, a very moving film depicting the scenario of Dachau is presented in English giving visitors a sober and graphic overview of the climate which produced a Dachau and conditions in the camp.

There is no entrance fee at Dachau and in fact visitors are free to roam the grounds and visit the memorial and remnants at leisure. All inscriptions include English translations. There is an excellent detailed map of the compound in the Museum so that visitors will have little trouble locating the highlights of the camp. Dachau is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There are many impressive memorials to the oppressed and dead of Dachau including a Jewish Temple, a Catholic chapel, a Protestant church, a Carmelite convent and an International memorial. But perhaps the most poignant memorial of all is a bronze statue of a concentration camp victim which visitors see upon entering the camp. On the base of the monument is inscribed the words . . .

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VIEW FROM THE TOP

A single-engine plane flies over Jerusalem, affording passengers a perfect view of the old city.

Visit to Ben-Gurion's kibbutz reveals little about the man

By P. KRASILOVSKY

BEERSHEBA — Forty miles south of here lies Sdeh-Boker which Israelis pronounce in hushed tones. It is difficult for most travelers not to succumb to the endless, changeable designs of the Negev Desert trip. The relatively few muted colors against a larger-than-usual sky are as relaxing as a simple seascape.

This particular desert has the unique charm of biblical history. A growth of Roetema brushes are a reminder that Moses and Elias, knowing that snakes and scorpions shunned them, chose them as a nighttime shelter. Any number of bushes flaming in the sun could have been the prototype for the "burning bush" that alerted Moses to the Lord's signal. Any number of water holes could have been the real well that was Abraham's Well.

There are hundreds of small white flowers attached to the long stems of the Yitran plant which were used by Samson and Delilah as a test to his "strength" to trick the enemy.

The hour and a half ride from Beersheba to Sdeh-Boker is a very special experience which serves as a preamble to a visit to the former kibbutz home of David Ben Gurion, Israel's first prime minister.

The kibbutz has become a shrine for thousands of visitors because it contains The Hut, the small pale green cottage where Ben Gurion lived in his last years. When he left the government in 1953, he joined the kibbutz and became a shepherd because he "wanted to be a full partner in the pioneering effort." In 1955 he was called back into the government, but remained a member of the kibbutz, and official dignitaries who wanted to see him were invited there.

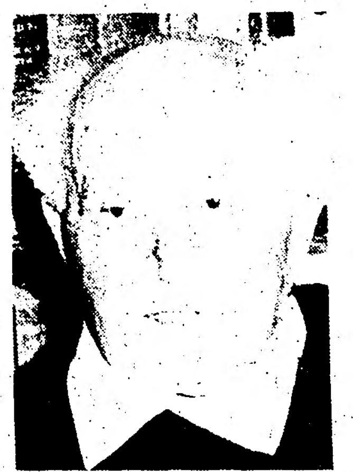
Even in his 80s, Ben Gurion participated in such chores as sheep-shearing, but the bulk of his time was spent writing his memoirs, reading from his library of over 5,000 books, and teaching himself Greek. He lived in Sdeh-Boker until his death at the age of 87 as member of 18. His wife Paula was 19.

The furnishings of the cottage are fairly simple, and so Gandhi-like in spirit that it isn't surprising to find a photograph of Gandhi on the bedroom wall. There are books everywhere. In the library there are entire walls on Eastern religion, Bible study, philosophy and history. Ben Gurion declared that he would have been a scientist if he had not become a politician, and an entire section of science books attests to his interest in the field.

Three books are still as he left them in his bedroom, opened and face down: **O Jerusalem!** with about 75 pages read, Mao's **Book of Quotations**, and **Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy** by Henry Kissinger. Ironically enough, David Ben Gurion and Henry Kissinger never met; it is tempting though to attach a prophetic mystique to the fact that Israel's greatest leader was reading a book by its future mediator when he died. Ben Gurion was also reading a pamphlet on brain memory. To say that it saddened him considerably to realize that his brain was weakening towards the end of his life would undoubtedly be the height of understatement. The fact that the self-made scholar not only taught himself Greek, but conquered the difficult language to the point where he could read Plato in it, testifies to the delight he must have taken in his intellectual powers.

A few mementoes are displayed in a glass case: Ben Gurion's watch, glasses, wallet, a silver box from the National War College in Washington, his passport, a pistol, Zionist organization card, and travel documents. Perhaps the most personal item is his Bible with about 40 notes he made about King Solomon and left among the pages with alluding passages.

Ben Gurion was an extremely private person. Despite his millions of admirers, very few people became really close to him. Golda Meir stated in her autobiography that his wife and daughter were the only people who knew his secrets.



David Ben-Gurion

One is moved by the sight of F.D.R's wheel chair and cane which are on display at his former home in Hyde Park. They reveal the frailty of the man who was such a strong wartime leader. One is equally moved by the tin dish and cup Gandhi used as a self-imposed prisoner and fighter for democracy. There is something in the chipped finish of the cup that reveals his strength and humility.

In David Ben Gurion's house there is very little more revealed about him as a person than there was when he lived. Even the slippers so neatly placed at his bedside are as impersonal as those in a shoe store display. If they were only worn down at the heels; if one could only still see the impression left by his toes. In his lifetime he did not make a bruhaha over his dedication to education and his constant studies. Without tangible clues to the person within, one comes away thinking that his inherent strength was constant, and can only be moved by considering how much effort he exerted in both his public, as well as private, life to serve as a figure of constant strength.

Today his grave and that of his wife are set in stone under a few cypress trees adjoining the archives library. Its simplicity bears fruit to his sad observance that there were "too many monuments in this country." The graves are very small, Ben Gurion and his wife were little people. The inscribed message on his grave is compelling and to the point: "David Ben Gurion, 1886-1973. Immigrated to Israel in 1906." One can imagine him dictating these words of typical Israeli bluntness which represented to him the most important core of his life.

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U.S. neo-Nazis run terror camp

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The National Caucus of Labor Committees and the United States Labor Pary (NCLC-USLP), described as "anti-Semitic" and "neo-Nazi," ran their own guerilla warfare training camp near Argyle in upstate New York in 1974. This fact has been documented by the FBI and former NCLC-USLP members and has been reported this year by The New York Times, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Our Town.

"According to FBI documents, the NCLC operated its own training camp on a farm owned by a cult member" there, and NCLC members and their West German counterparts reportedly "trained in explosives and demolitions, small arms, and small unit tactics," it was reported in a series of articles written by Dennis King that began Aug. 26 in Our Town, a Manhattan giveaway.

Times reporters Howard Blum and Paul L. Montgomery, writing on Oct. 7, used as their source of information "former party members who say they participated in training." The Times article mentions Mexican party members, as well as West Germans, training in Argyle.

Further information was obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Sgt. Russ Guard, a New York State policeman who is stationed in south Glens Falls and lives in Argyle. According to his account, a homicide investigation that was unrelated to the USLP ultimately ended their upstate operation.

A young girl had been missing from the area and, in searching for a possible homicide victim, State Police discovered the training camp on an isolated back road. The camp "died out" after its discovery, he said.

As a resident of the area, Guard said he remembers seeing USLP members come to Argyle for their weekend drills. They came in "a caravan of two or three civilian jeeps painted in army colors," he recalls, wearing war surplus uniforms, and "sitting militarily straight," some with whips. At first they drilled with cut out plywood rifles and later with air rifles, he said. After the murder investigation, he believes the farm was vacant for several years and then sold.

USLP has now "graduated" to more advanced military training. "Recently, at least eight members of the party have undergone intensive 'anti-terrorist' techniques at a camp in Powder Springs, Ga. that is operated by Mitchell WerBell 3d, an international arms dealer who has served as advisor to Latin American dictators, including Fulgencio Batista and Anastasio Somoza," The Times article said. The Times added that WerBell was a guerilla fighter for the Office of Strategic Services during World War II and that he says he still has close ties to the CIA.

Interviewed by King for Our Town on Sept. 14, WerBell admitted strong support for the ultra-right Liberty Lobby, and said he became a security consultant for NCLC in 1977. "We train them in martial arts, pistol shooting, paramedical skills, the use of shotguns, rifle sniper activity, counter-surveillance, and the control of 3-car caravans," he told King.

WerBell also said that seven or eight NCLC members had so far taken his 10-day COBRAY program, at a cost of $2,000 per trainee, and that his school mainly trains policemen and private protection agents. NCLC-USLP defectors told King that the number was much higher than WerBell's figure.

Although WerBell told King, "My company is apolitical," his own political affiliations imply that his relationship with NCLC may go beyond paramilitary training. His home, on the grounds of his training school, is reportedly a "frequent center for social gatherings of the Right."

In addition to his membership in Liberty Lobby and close friendship with its leader, Willis Carto, WerBell has allowed his home to be used to promote an anti-Semitic NCLC book entitled, "DOPE, INC." Liberty Lobby is selling DOPE, INC. on consignment and working with NCLC to build a "Committee to Dismantle the anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith," King reports.

"Violence by the cult has been confined to unarmed physical attacks on Jews by NCLC literature salesmen at airports and railroad stations, usually as a spontaneous result of ideological debate," he added, but he questions whether the COBRAY training of NCLC security guards is an indication that the LaRouche group is planning a "new wave of violence" in the future.

A puzzling aspect of the NCLC-USLP is that, despite their anti-Semitism, there are many Jewish members in the group. These include high-ranking members of the intelligence and security sections, according to The Times.

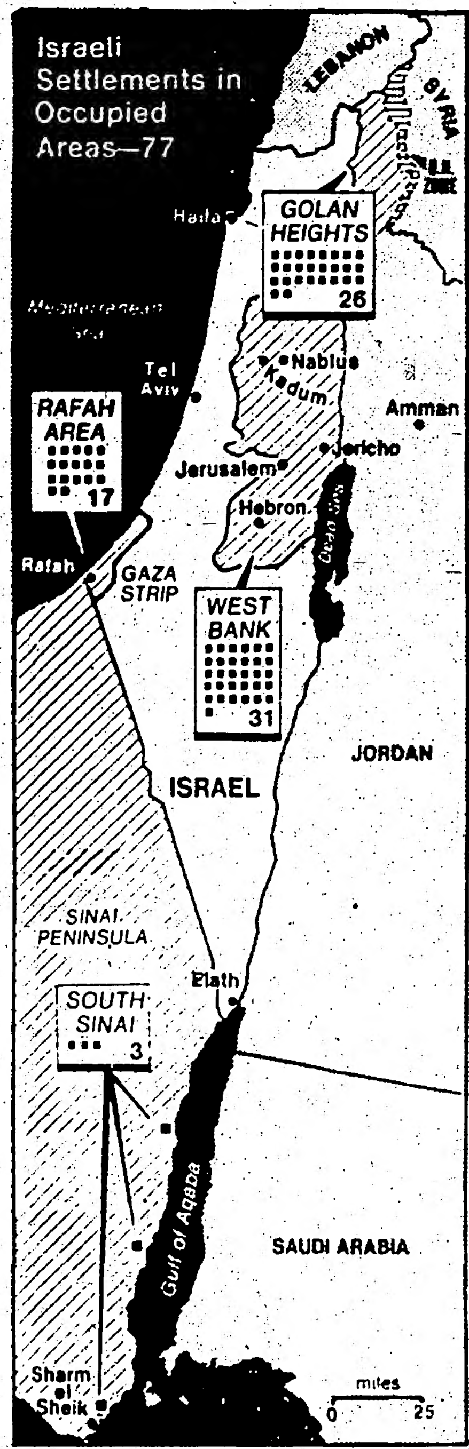
Analyzing the reasons for this phenomenon, Our Town says that Lyndon LaRouche, Jr., head of NCLC-USLP and their candidate for President of the U.S. in 1980, has been able to "win over hundreds of young Jewish intellectuals and use them as a Judenrat shock brigade . . . When they campaign for his anti-Semitic program, he is able to point to their Jewish names as 'proof' that his organization is not really anti-Semitic but only 'anti-Zionist' . . . LaRouche promises them immunity from the coming NCLC-directed Holocaust if they thoroughly and completely repudiate their Jewishness."

LaRouche is dangerous, Our Town says, because he is "authentic if warped genius" who has taken American anti-Semitism out of its traditional know-nothing illiteracy and rendered it theoretical." Rather than the stereotyped uniformed neo-Nazis, his group is comprised of young intellectuals, some of them Jewish.

LaRouche's economic plans are "brilliantly conceived" and have "genius merit," while he is "skillful at enclosing his real political ideas within a protective covering of conspiracy theories," Our Town adds. He has also allied himself with groups that are not now neo-Nazi, by working jointly with them on specific issues and thus gaining access to their memberships.

LaRouche is aiming at a coalition of "Midwest industrialists, managerial technocrats, 'traditionalist' labor leaders, Blacks disillusioned with liberalism, law enforcement officials, military officers and southern segregationist/Liberty Lobby types . . . united by mutual hatred of a scapegoat: international Jewry . . . LaRouche has cautioned his cadre not to expect to 'dominate' such a coalition," but to "cooperate with other forces," Our Town says.

This places NCLC "on a higher level of sophistication than virtually every other extremist sect in the U.S. today," Our Town concludes, and warns that "given a major economic crisis and polarization of American society," LaRouche's "brilliant long-range strategy" could actually bring NCLC-USLP to power.



The New York Times

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Members of Brooklyn, N.Y. synagogue carry a coffin bearing remains of nine Torah scrolls which were destroyed by fire by vandals during recent robbery.

The destiny of the Golan Heights...

Settlement symbolizes Israeli determination

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Katzrin, GOLAN HEIGHTS —

Katzrin was just a glint in a town planner's eye a few years ago. Today, it is a modest village of low, white-walled apartment buildings and, as the Israelis are wont to call detached homes, villas. It isn't a striking place by any conventional standards, but Katzrin is important to the Israeli government.

It was built in the mid-1970s because the Labor government then in power wanted to demonstrate, in a tangible way, that Israel had no intention of withdrawing from the Golan Heights, a bleak plateau which was Syrian territory prior to the 1967 Six Day War.

The Likud government, unless it changes its policy by 180 degrees, will not evacuate the Golan Heights either. No one, not even Gush Emunim zealots, claims the Golan Heights are biblically holy. That designation is reserved for the West Bank, according to their spokesmen.

Simply put, the Golan Heights are strategically crucial, being a military buffer zone between Israel and one of its most vehement enemies, Syria.

Before 1967, the Syrians, ensconced in Russian-built bunkers, would occasionally bombard Israeli settlements in the Hulah Valley. The Israelis would retaliate, perpetuating the cycle of violence which shook the area. In the Six Day War, the Israelis stormed the Golan Heights and, in less than two days, captured it. They built a string of settlements there, and goverment officials declared that Israel would not relinquish the Golan Heights.

On Oct. 6, 1973, Syrian tanks and jets attacked Israeli positions on the Golan Heights, almost pushing the Israelis off this vital piece of real estate. Katzrin did not exist in 1973, but the war was the reason why it was established. To consolidate its presence on the Golan Heights, the government, led by Golda Meir, decided to build more settlements, even though the war had proved that isolated colonies are incapable of blunting a well co-ordinated armored assault.

Katzrin, in the central sector of the Golan Heights, is the largest village in the region, with a population of about 1,500. Army camps are located nearby — installations the Syrians used to use. Scrubby brown, bouldered fields are now green with crops such as wheat, tomatoes and alfalfa. Cows graze where once Syrian and Israeli tanks battled.

In the distance, a visiting reporter sees the 10,000-foot snow-capped peak of Mt. Hermon, which the Syrians attempted to retake in the Yom Kippur War. The mountain, together with grazing goats in the valley below, creates a tranquil atmosphere that is far from reminiscent of war.

But conflict could yet break the silence that characterizes the Golan Heights today. The Syrians have not accepted Israel's occupation of the Golan Heights, and they mean to reconquer it. Kuneitra, the shattered town they now hold, is still in ruins, and they claim they will not rebuild it until Israel withdraws from every inch of the plateau.

Meanwhile, the Syrians are beefing up their armed forces, acquiring the latest Soviet weaponry. When, or if, they move against Israel is an open question.

In an Israeli bunker near Kuneitra, troops man the ramparts, gazing through telescopic binoculars at the distant mountains or while away the boring hours playing pick-up games of basketball and writing letters.

Katzrin is just down the road from the bunker, and both are symbolic of Israel's determination to control the destiny of the Golan Heights.

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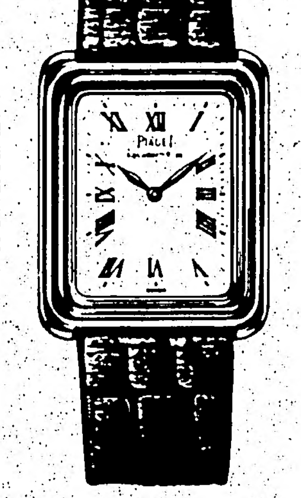

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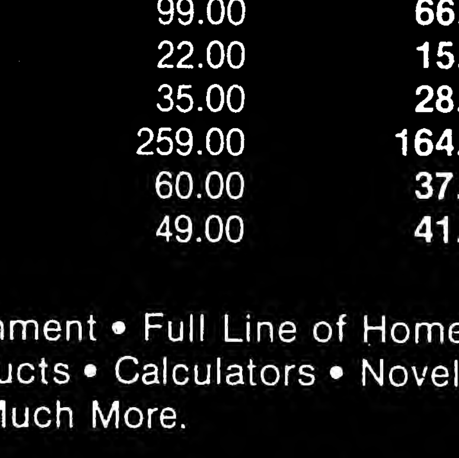

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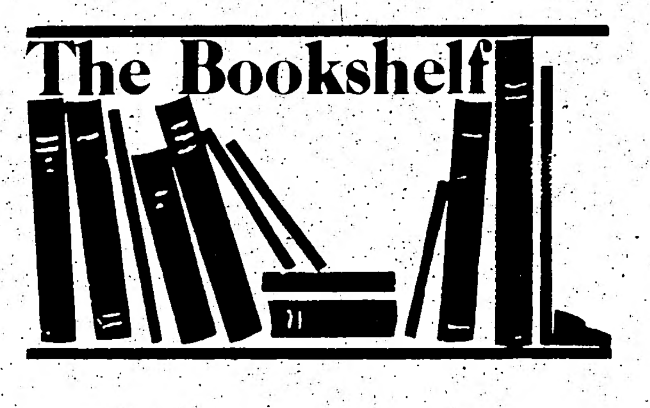


The Jerusalem Diamond
By Noah Gordon
Pantheon-Random House
$12.95

Well known author of **The Rabbi,** Gordon has written a deceptively light novel about a man's relation to his past, in the form of a yellow diamond stolen from the Temple's treasury millenia ago. Harry's own ancestors were diamond cutters, and may have cut up the very stone he is searching for a couple of hundred years earlier. And as with popular novels, love rears its enticing head.

Gordon has done extensive research into the world of diamonds, as his acknowledgements readily testify. This is incorporated into his tale in an admirably unpretentious manner. A good writer of fiction, Gordon does not allow the facts to overwhelm the story.

The Rabbi makes an entertaining read, so to speak, a story that is especially intriguing to those fascinated by those hard glittering sparks that have formed the benchmark for high-living and conspicuous consumption since the dawn of recorded history.

Rolling Stone visits Saturday Night Live
Edited by Marianne Partridge
Doubleday Canada Ltd.
$11.50

Fans of the popular television program **Saturday Night Live** will want to pick up a copy of **Rolling Stone visits Saturday Night Live.**

It is a series of well-written, informative and highly interesting feature length stories with many of the show's stars, such as Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi. There is also a long and detailed interview with producer Lorne Michaels, a native of Toronto.

Most of the features are about a dozen pages long, just long enough to keep the reader's interest up.

A highlight of the 191-page book is the excellent collection of photographs taken by Edie Baskin and Annie Leibovitz.

Colombo's Hollywood
John Colombo
Collins Publishers,
$8.95

The latest book by Canada's master collector of quotes is a highly entertaining read. Colombo has gathered some 3,000 quotes from various "tinsel town" celebrities who offered their opinion on a number of different subjects.

For example, when Irving Thalberg was discussing a blacklisted friend he said: "There is no such thing as a blacklist....but I'll see he gets off it."

Or when Sam Goldwyn said: " 'The directorial skill of Mamoulian, the radiance of Anna Sten and the genius of Goldwyn have united to make the world's greatest entertainment.' That is the kind of ad I like. Facts. No exaggeration."

Goldwyn was a man who was probably one of the most quoted people in Hollywood because he was constantly spouting gems like: "I love the ground I walk on." "I'm exhausted from not talking." "In two words: im-possible." "I'll give you a definite maybe."

But perhaps some of the best lines were uttered by Groucho Marx and Jack Benny. A couple of the Grouchoisms include: "Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough." "There will be no trains sold until the magazines have left the station."

And the Benny quotes: "It's absolutely true. I don't want to tell you how much insurance I carry with Prudential, but all I can say is -- when I go, they go."

Benny: King of Swing
Introduction by Stanley Baron
Oxford University Press
$29.95

One picture may be worth a thousand words, but a book full of photographs of the King of Swing, Benny Goodman, is not even worth one cut on a Benny Goodman record album.

Benny: King of Swing is a table top book that highlights the career of one of the world's top jazz clarinetists. Unfortunately after you've seen one photo of Goodman, there is really little that can be gained from 211 other pictures. Sure they're all different. In one shot he clowns around with Jack Benny and in another he hams it up with Frank Sinatra. Some of the snap shots feature different musicians that Goodman played with over the years and some of the pictures introduce the reader to Goodman's family. But a person can only take so much Goodman, in pictures that is.

The book may be appreciated by Goodman fans, but they'd probably be better off picking up five or six of his recordings, as the only real valuable part to the book is the short biography written by Stanley Baron at the beginning of the photo album.

The Grey Goose of Arnhem
Leo Heaps
Wiedenfeld and Nicolson
$14.95

In his own country, Leo Heaps is like the proverbial "prophet without honor." Few Canadians know that this native son--who was rejected by our own army--enlisted in the British army at the start of WW II, and went on to perform heroic services in the battle against the Nazis. A paratrooper, he won the Militay Cross for organizing part of the Dutch resistance after the battle of Arnhem. He saw service in the Israeli War of Independence, where he organized strike units for the embryo Jewish army. He helped refugees escape to the west during the Hungarian uprising of 1956.

Heaps' participation in WWII adds to the realism of the books he has written on it. **The Grey Goose of Arnhem** details the escape of several hundred paratroopers hidden by local villagers in the abortive action to capture a strategic Dutch locals, which saw more than 8,000 paratroopers killed, wounded or imprisoned.

Heaps himself, who had been taken prisoner, managed to escape and return to organize their rescue.

The Grey Goose was the nickname of Brigadier-General John Hackett, the top operation organizer who accompanied his men down.

Written in the first person, the book creates a detailed and moving portrait of the soldiers' determination to make it back to base for another go at Hitler. Their suffering, obstacles and, occasionally, glimpses of battleground humor, are told in a way that creates at the same time a first rate adventure story.

The book adds to an already illustrious reputation earned by Heaps in England; its relative obscurity here can only serve as a further condemnation of Canadian provincialism.

Travel guide book for handicapped makes many vacations possible

By
REBECCA ROSENBERG

MONTREAL — When most people plan a vacation, their main concerns are good weather, good food and a comfortable bed. They give little thought to the width of a door, the height of a curb or the presence of stairs. For the physically handicapped person, these considerations are crucial.

In day-to-day living, the disabled person must continually take into account these obstacles to his mobility and independence. When traveling away from home, the unknowns are multiplied.

Travel agents are too often unwilling to take the time and trouble to research the facilities available to disabled persons. For many of the handicapped, a real vacation seems impossible.

Thanks to Rya Ben-Shir, medical librarian in the Health Sciences Information Centre of the Jewish Convalescent Hospital, this situation is beginning to change. During her four short months with the hospital, the 24-year-old librarian has compiled Canada's first extensive collection of access guides for the handicapped.

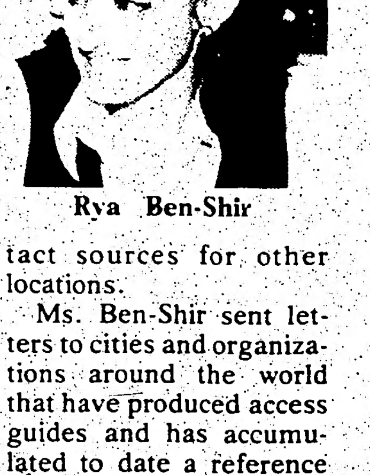
The collection details the accessibility of transportation, accommodation, restaurants and tourists sites to the handicapped traveler throughout North America, Europe and as far away as Australia and Hong Kong.

Mrs. Ben-Shir first became aware of the need for this type of information as the result of an inquiry from a hospital staff member. A social worker asked Ms. Ben-Shir for information on an accessible hotel in Burlington, Vermont for a patient confined to a wheelchair.

Telephone calls to travel agents, the Chamber of Commerce and municipal authorities yielded no information and made evident the lack of awareness concerning the problems of the handicapped.

"I was determined that was the last time I would not be able to answer a question," Ms. Ben-Shir said.

Having heard that the Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia had a collection of access guides, she contacted the librarian who was able to provide the information requested as well as contact sources for other locations.


Rya Ben-Shir

Ms. Ben-Shir sent letters to cities and organizations around the world that have produced access guides and has accumulated to date a reference library of over 300 separate guides which she believes may be the largest one of its kind in North America. "Eventually, I aim to have the most extensive access guide collection anywhere."

The information available through the Health Sciences Information Centre is comprehensive in scope. It includes accessiblity data essential to a broad spectrum of disabled persons, among these the diabetic, the stroke victim and the person who has suffered renal failure. Ms. Ben-Shir can provide information on the location of dialysis centres all over the world.

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Milton Richman: King of the scoops

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

What makes Milton run?

Love.

Milton Richman, one of America's foremost sports writers, doesn't walk, stride or lope to work. He runs.

"I love my work," says Richman, United Press International's sports editor and columnist.

On December 28, this 57-year-old slim, loquacious man will mark his 35th anniversary with UPI, one of the world's largest wire service organizations. In his career, he has covered all the big events — the Olympics, the World Series, the Super Bowl, the U.S. Open, the Kentucky Derby, the Stanley Cup playoffs and whatever else animates sports fans throughout Canada and the United States.

And after all these years, Richman has missed only one day's work, a measure of his fierce dedication.

Like most journalists, Richman is underpaid, earning between $30,000 and $40,000 annually. "There's no question in the company's mind that I should get more. They say they don't have the money." He pauses, a slight grin flashing across his face. "You can say Richman smiled when he said that."

A onetime minor league short stop and second baseman, Richman, a bachelor, is wedded to his vocation. In the last 25 years, he has had three major offers to leave UPI. Columbia Pictures offered him $400 per week when he was making $55. The Pittsburg Pirates wanted him to become special assistant to the general manager, and a newspaper in Hawaii promised him the moon.

But he declined all the offers, prefering UPI. "My editor told me if I'd been a ball player, I'd be making $300,000 a year." Asked why he's remained with UPI so long, he replies: "For those who believe, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no amount of explanation will suffice. I believe. Can you tell me about a more exciting, gratifying job?"

Richman was in Toronto to cover the 78th annual winter baseball meeting, held at the Sheraton Centre. Wearing a cream-colored short, brown tie, pearl gray jacket and brown trousers, he resembled an owner rather than a reporter.

His youngest brother, Arthur, was in Toronto as well. A former sports writer with the defunct New York Mirror, Arthur is public relations director and travelling secretary of the New York Mets.

The brothers each wore a gold ring with a likeness of their late mother, Clara, who died in 1975 at 81. "We were so close to her that it was legendary," Richman explains, amid the buzz of conversation in the lobby of the Sheraton Centre. Richman's father, Samuel, was a Post Office employee, and he passed away 14 years ago.

As Richman talked, he saw Carmella, the stout Italian woman who accompanies him on many road trips. "I've known her for 32 years." Carmella was with Arthur's bride of three weeks, a tall woman, and both were on their way out to shop.

A high school graduate, Richman attended Hebrew school in New York, where he was born, for 13 years. "There was some talk of sending me to a yeshiva," he says. But baseball, not Talmud, was his first love. At 17, he signed on with Williamston, North Carolina, of the Class D Coastal Plain League, at $17.75 per week.

In the three years he played ball, he was also with teams in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. But Richman never had illusions about his talent. "I could run and field, but I wasn't worth a damn." During the Second World War, he spent two years in the army as a physical education instructor, and in 1944, he was demobilized.

Associated Press in Memphis hired him to write radio news. But, wishing to live in the same city as his parents, Richman quit before he even started and returned to New York. UPI took him on as an office boy, for less money. "In nine days, I graduated from office boy to newsman. They told me I beat Westbrook Pegler's record of 11 days."

In 1964, UPI appointed him columnist. "Today's Sports Parade," which he writes five times a week, is carried regularly by some 250 dailies in North America, and is read by probably more than two million sports fans. Richman was named sports editor in 1972.

"I don't watch the clock," he says of his 12-hour days at the office in New York and his 16-hour days when he is on assignment abroad.

It is said that Richman has broken more exclusive stories than any other sports writer in the last 26 years. Among his exclusives were the abrupt firing of Leo Durocher by the New York Giants in the 1950s and the signing of Pete Rose with the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1970s.

The scoops are the result, he claims, of hard work, sweat and contacts. "You see, everybody here says hello to me. I keep my ear to the ground. There's no one in baseball I don't know on a first-name basis. They're all friends of mine. And they say I'm scrupulously honest and fair."

Two of his friends, Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner, and New York Daily News columinist, Dick Young, agree with the assessment.

"Nobody in baseball has better connections," Young observes. "He's a tremendous combination of reporter and writer. And in the last 50 years, he's been one of the top three baseball writers."

Kiner, an outfielder with Pittsburg, Chicago and Cleveland, and now a commentator with the New York Mets, says Richman is a thorough and "very competitive sort of guy. He's got that special ability to relate to baseball."

Although Richman is well-versed in at least a dozen sports, baseball is his favorite. "It has got pathos, humor, grace, disgrace, exhilaration, excitement, disappointment, rejuvenation, ecstasy," he explains. "It reminds me of ballet. To me, baseball has these qualities more than other sports. I've been almost weaned on it."

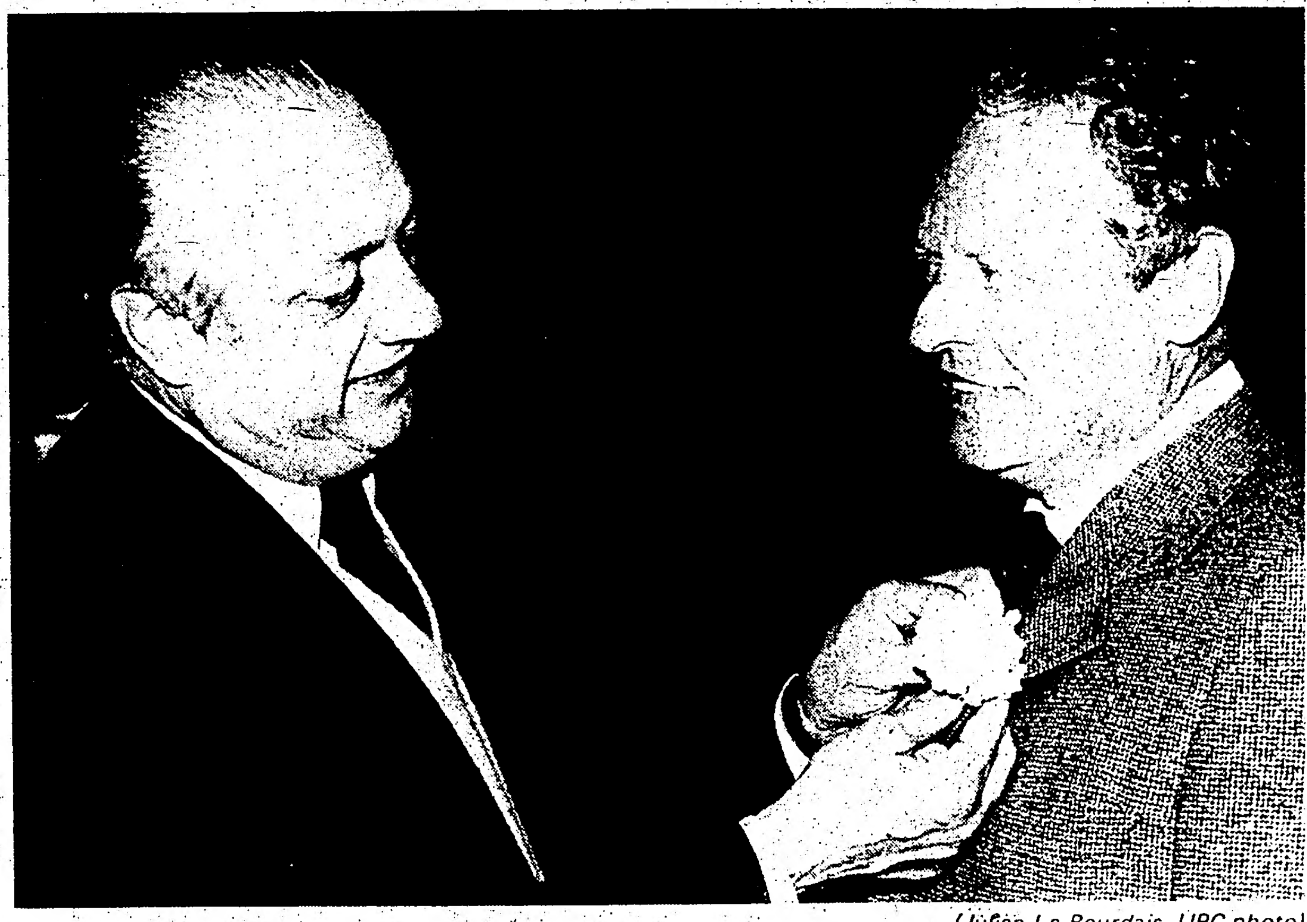
Winner of the 1957 National Headliners Award, and Pulitzer Prize nominee, Richman rates as his most memorable experiences Don Larsen's perfect game in 1956, the Munich Olympic Games massacre in 1972, the 1975 Mohammad Ali-Joe Fraser fight in Manila, and the 1975 U.S.-China track meet. "My visit to China was great. It triggered a novel I'm in the midst of writing. The central figure is involved in sports to a degree."

As for the killing in cold blood of the Israeli athletes, Richman says, "I was absolutely broken by it." The shock, however, did not prevent him from beating the competition. He was the first reporter to be granted an interview with a survivor. And, like the proficient wire man he is, he telephoned the scoop within minutes.

Richman, whose name appears in **Who's Who in American Jewry** and **Who's Who in America**, always dictates his stories into a telephone receiver when he is covering an event outside New York. Like a mythical Hollywood reporter, he has the ability to dictate a 1,000 word story, without the benefit of notes, in about 30 minutes.

"You do it without hesitation," he says, springing from the couch, frozen momentarily into a gunfighter's pose. "It's experience, experience. But its also speed, speed."

He smiles. "When they bury me, they'll put a telephone in my coffin."



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Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy LaSorda pins a white coronation on Milton Richman's lapel.

Small comforts provided for the soldiers of Israel

TORONTO —

An icemaking machine to cool water in Eilat, or video-taped programs for sailors in Sharm-el-Sheik are examples of small comforts provided by the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel to help ease the harshness of military service for soldiers. General Natke Nir told a group of Association supporters at the Zionist Centre recently.

Nir, the newly-appointed chairman of the Association in Israel, said that even in times of peace, sensitive support of Israel's defence army is essential to maintain good morale.

"The morale of our defence forces must be strengthened. Through the association's clubs, social centres and hostels in Israel, our soldiers receive many basic necessities," he said.

"These clubs and hostels are open to all young people, wherever they are located, thus giving our youth a chance to meet and socialize with Israel's soldiers," he added.

Nir stressed the need to establish more clubs and hostels in smaller cities such as Dimona, Kiryat Malachi and Ashekelon. These clubs will have lounges, games rooms, cafeterias, showers and libraries. In addition, the Association is planning to provide mobile entertainment untis, libraries, TV's and movie projectors.

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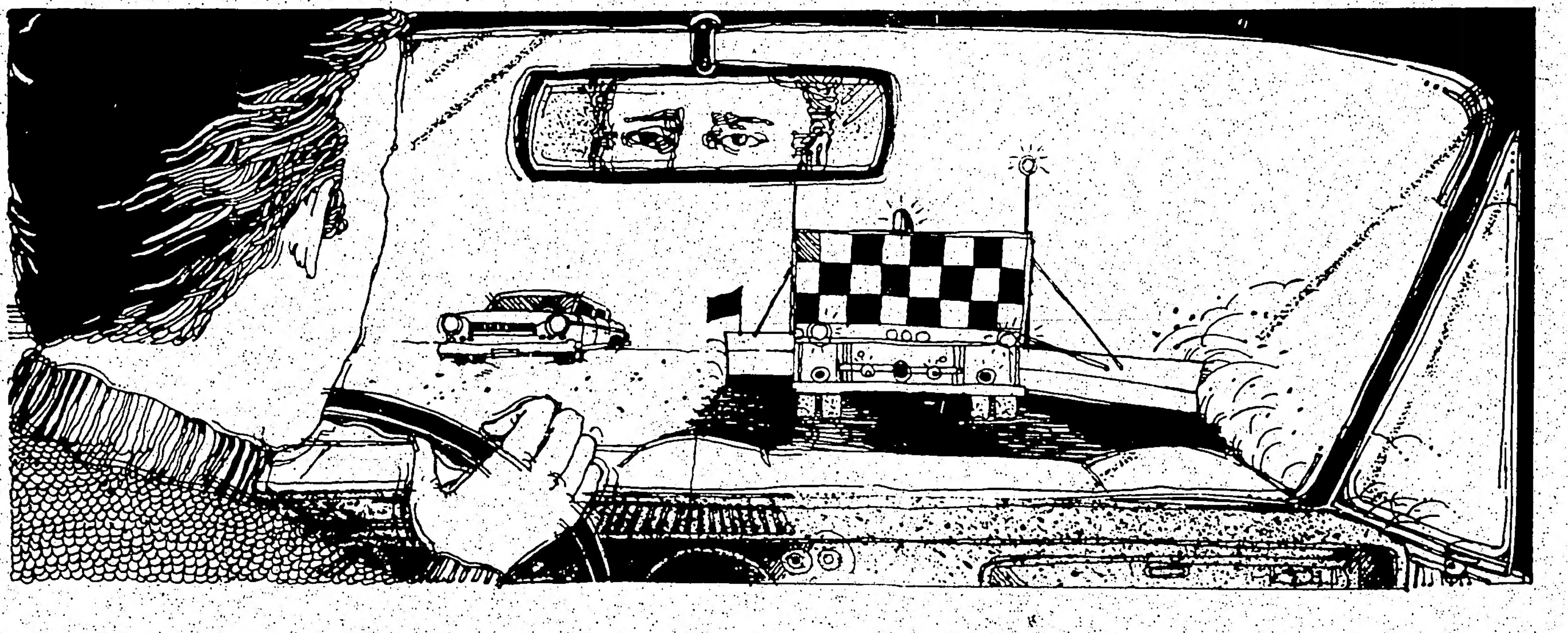

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JF& CS PROFILE

ESTELLE ALTMAN

By ANNE ISENBERG

Estelle Altman makes being a contemporary Jewish woman in the 1970's look deceptively easy. The gutsy, attractive, 42 year old Training Resource Specialist at J.F. & C.S. has successfully integrated roles of teacher, facilitator, mother, wife, sister, and committed member of the Jewish community.

Although Estelle feels excitement at all the possibilities opening up for women who are discovering their own power, she is concerned. "Too much is expected of us. Even though we are undertaking new roles, we still feel responsibility for the traditional ones.

It's the internal "shtetl mother" many of us harbor. If family life falls apart, we feel it our fault. One of my students told me recently, "I'm tired of being the glue, holding things together."

She admits to self-doubt when she decided to take a PhD program in adult education at OISE this fall, wondering, "How am I going to handle all this responsibility? Should I add another concern to the already full pot?"

After meeting Estelle I know she'll handle it with panache. She exudes confidence, self-awareness and self-control. When you speak to her, you are very aware she is listening. Not only with her ears, but with intensely blue eyes that ingest every syllable.

Her Family Life Educator students speak of her in superlatives — "a superb leader", "I love her", and "incredibly sensitive to what people are thinking and where they are going."

Born in Montreal, Estelle married at 18 for all the wrong reasons. "All my friends were getting married. It was the thing to do at the time." At age 25 with three small children at home she decided to return to school.

She enrolled as a part-time student at Concordia University in Applied Social Sciences. Upon graduation, she chose to do her Masters in Educational Psychology at Goddard University in Vermont, because it gave her the flexibility to design her own program.

"It was a difficult time. I had to go to Vermont on the weekends to do the required work. I was lucky to have the support of my husband, my kids and my mother. Internally, though, I was still a "shtetl mother". I would clean and cook everything before I left."

Today, things have changed. Her marriage is a collaborative effort. Her husband Don, who didn't wash a dish before the age of 35, does all the shopping and laundry. Her children, Cindy 19, Michael 20, and Jodi 17, do much of the cooking.

"It is not a traditional marriage. I call it a marriage in transition. I often work at nights, and I've just attended a 10 day conference in Montreal and the family managed just fine."

"Of all my roles, my relationship with my husband is the most important. What I get there I don't get anywhere else. I need his support. Also we share the concern for the survival of the Jewish family."

Estelle became involved in J.F. & C.S. five years ago when her husband moved his textile business to Toronto. At that time Elliot Larman was pioneering the Family Life Education Program and asked her to assist. "It started as a dream . . . it took a lot of trust in what we were doing."

Estelle insisted on using lay people. Not only would it enable volunteers to make professional use of their volunteer experience, it would also make valuable contacts within the Jewish community. When she saw her students working, Estelle exclaimed, "It's almost like raising children".

One group which she personally runs and relates closely with is 'The Sandwich generation' —middle-aged parents who are caught in a bind, sandwiched between worrying about aging ailing parents with restricted mobility and concern about handling their children's adolescent problems.

Another course developed out of a problem she had with her 19 year old daughter. "I didn't even know we had a problem until she handed me a copy of Nancy Friday's book, 'Mothers And Daughters' ".

I had to ask myself, "Can I give my daughter the strength to become who she wants and do what she wants?"

Estelle speaks candidly about her relationship with her own mother, and the territorial battles that erupt on holidays when mother comes to visit. "She can't accept that this my household and my kids and that we cannot be in the kitchen at the same time".

Whenever Estelle runs Mother-Daughter discussion groups or speaks on this topic for the Zelda Young show, she is constantly asked "Can mothers and daughters be friends?"

Her answer, "Not if you are trying to change each other all the time," is typical of the warm conviction that makes up Estelle Altman.

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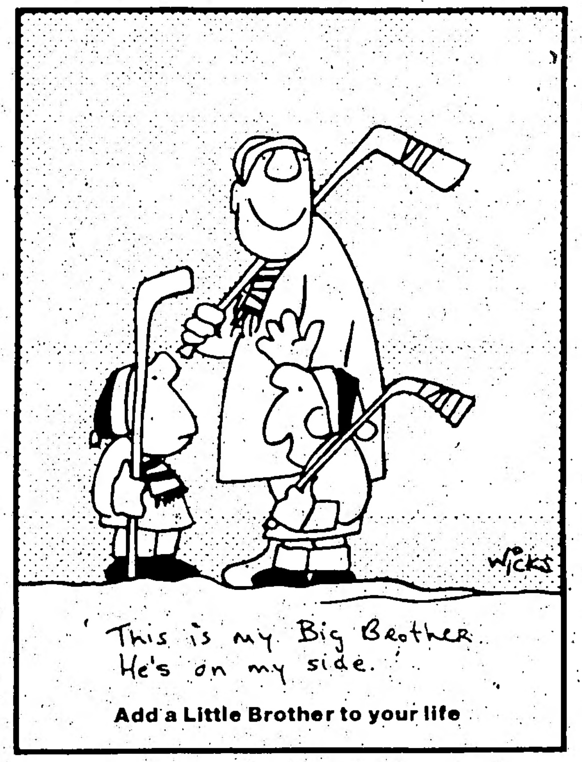
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CENTRE SHELANU

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- don't get along with their families?
- have been in trouble with the police?
- use drugs or alcohol regularly?
- have trouble at school?
- are unhappy or depressed?
- have contemplated suicide?

Do you know any Jewish parents who:

- don't get along with their child-children?
- feel frustrated and helpless?
- don't understand their families?
- feel like they're losing touch with their children?
- have discipline problems at home?
- dread facing the kids each day?

Contrary to popular belief, there are Jewish families in our community who could check off several of these items. Usually we overlook one problem on the list, but once multiple problem areas are recognised it is advisable to start looking for help.

Centre Shelanu offers help. Occupying two houses in a residential neighborhood, Centre Shelanu helps people to deal with all kinds of family difficulties, ranging from simple behaviour problems to the problems of the severely disturbed adolescent and family unit.

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Stan Lerner, Director of Shelanu, in talking about the centre, points out that "At Centre Shelanu, in accordance with Jewish tradition, an individual's problems are also the family's and community's problems."

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To the Chaverim Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women
for helping in the arrangements and providing support for the celebration of "Bar Mitvah" for one of our "kids".

To the Forestdale Heights Lodge, B'nai B'rith
for their concern, interest and continuing support by providing outings for our "kids".

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BE A FOSTER CARE FAMILY!

David Rotenberg, MPP, and wife Cecile, former teacher at United Synagogue Day Schools.

JUST ONE CHILD

Cecile Rotenberg, former teacher at the United Synagogue Day Schools, and wife of M.P.P. David Rotenberg, feels that if every family took in just one child, it would remedy the foster-care situation considerably.

The Rotenbergs were foster parents last year for a short time when they cared for a 12 year-old boy. Looking back on the experience, Cecile is happy that she was able to provide a temporary home for the child so that he could experience a close-knit home and family. "He was enthralled by Shabbat and all the Jewish traditions he experienced with us."

Despite a number of problems, Cecile remembers vividly the breakthroughs, "those times when he would put his arms around me and hug and kiss me."

Her two grown daughters approved strongly of her decision to foster-care. One daughter 22, who lived at home during this time always made time for the child. Cecile recalls, "She would play cards with him or take him for walks. He missed her when she was away."

"Our traditional heritage is to look after our own", she added. "It is a Mitzvot among Jews. Although it is difficult to give more of yourself, when you do the rewards are great."

She is alarmed that so many people are ready to scream when they hear that Jewish children are being placed in non-Jewish homes. "Where are these people when it come to being foster-parents?"

While a foster parent, Cecile says she realized what a wonderful job J.F. & C.S. is doing. "The social workers helped and cared beyond the call of duty. They looked after every need — food, clothes; everything. They do a terrific job."

MATURITY A PLUS FOR FOSTER CARE

PERRY ROMBERG
Co-ordinator of Foster Care Services at J.F.C.S.

"The best foster parents have kids who are grown up". Perry Romberg, Co-ordinator of Foster Care Services at J.F.C.S., told Adath Israel Sisterhood at a general meeting last October 23rd. He said that the average foster-care family is in their 40's. "They are experienced in parenting and are better equipped to deal with arising problems.

"Foster parents need certain skills" he added. "They must be patient, comfortable around children and have the maturity to cope with pain. They must give the child the security of close family bonds as well as make the child believe, 'You're O.K. You're different from what you have experienced.' "

"For these emotionally scarred children, often the product of a troubled home, it is not enough to foster out of guilt" he said. "This will only lead to frustration. Also, a foster family must cope with the fact foster care is a temporary arrangement. It is not adoption. The ultimate goal of fostering is to reunite the child with the natural parent once the problems have been overcome". Perry stated that the J.F. & C.S. ratio of success is 60%.

At present there are 46 children who are legally in the care of the Agency. Eleven children are between 0 to 5. Many of these children are kept in an infant home run by Mrs. Waldman and her daughter. Some of these children are autistic, or mongoloid; one child is having trouble being placed because she is black.

There are very few children between the ages of 5 and 10 in foster care. The majority are between the ages of 10 and 16. These kids are loaded with problems" Perry said. "They have suffered through marital breakups and hostile divorces. Their delinquent behaviour is very often a cry for help."

Shelanu, the only Jewish group home in Toronto is one shelter for these kids. Some live there full time; others live with foster parents and attend school at Shelanu where they are guided by specially-trained teachers. Still others live in group homes outside of Toronto — in Belleville and Fenelon Falls.

Perry said he felt optimistic about the results of foster care in Toronto. He recently attended a Bar Mitzvah held in the Agency at which both foster parents, natural parents and social workers of the child attended. Even the judge in the case was there. "This could never have happened 2½ years ago", he said.

But he added, "The numbers of troubled kids coming into our care is alarming. The graph is rising daily. We need more families to provide love and security for our children."

"WE'RE NOT MARTYRS OR SAINTS"

NATHAN and GAEL GILBERT

Nathan and Gael Gilbert, age 31 and 29, are the youngest foster-care parents at J.F. & C.S. Nathan is a social worker at The Department of Planning, presently doing research study on the boat people for John Sewell. Gael is a social worker at the Parkdale Planning Committee.

Gael and Nathan spoke stirringly about their foster-care commitment to the Adath Israel Sisterhood. "We're not martyrs or saints", said Gael. "We're doing it because we enjoy it. We do it because we care about our kids."

Four years ago, Nathan was disturbed about articles he had read in The Canadian Jewish News. Motivated by a sense of "kehila" and led by his strong feelings as a Jew — "taking care of our own", he decided to do something about it. He became active in the Agency (at present he is on the Board of Directors) and opened his home to foster children.

During the 4½ years of fostering five children, the Gilberts began to realize their strengths and weaknesses as foster parents. Although they originally wanted older children, now they do not feel that their home is a good setting for teens. It is a bustling household, filled with dogs, cats and their own 14 month daughter. At present they are fostering a lovely infant child. "We are deeply committed to the care and well-being of this child", they said.

"Someone has to take care of our kids", Nathan affirmed. "Not all foster children come from poor homes. Some are very rich. No one is immune just because we are Jewish. It is important that this come out of the closet."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I sit here preparing to put my thoughts on paper, I find myself burdened with more concerns than ever before.

Previously I was able to afford myself the luxury of mulling over concepts, quietly assessing specific current problems and situations to which our Agency could respond.

At the present time, I cannot enjoy such simple thoughts. I have never felt such an undercurrent of needs and services in a social service agency. They are more encompassing and demanding than ever. Because the Jewish Family and Child Services is a multi-service facility, we are one of the first to feel the pulse of expanding needs and the pressures produced by family life today.

I look at our ongoing services with confidence. Nevertheless, I feel concerned when discussing, developing and evolving new services. The complexities of normal family life are being continually influenced by social and economic forces which create new and associated needs.

During the past few months I have met with our committees and members of our community to hear their concerns. The problems mentioned include: the working poor; singles; lack of day care facilities; services and housing for persons de-institutionalized from within Provincial facilities — and many, many more.

It is troublesome to review these needs when budget and program negotiations are being carried out with our triad of basic funding. Further complications arise from the necessary restraints and controls of this funding base. The shopping list of needs is lengthy but the dollars required to give birth to the contemporary services created by today's problems are in very short supply.

Amid the confusion, I am reassured by the aware staff built up by the ever increasing volunteer committees who are flexible and innovative in their dealings with emergency needs. I would like to compliment the professional staff along with our friends from the community who are always there to deal with these expanding needs.

BERNARD S. AARON

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On November 1, 1979, I completed twenty years as Executive Director of the Agency.

During this time we have served more than 20,000 different Jewish families, about 45,000 individual Jews (the population of a small city) and expended more than $24,000,000 of community foundation and taxpayer dollars.

This took 40,000 hours, 18 annual meeting, 128 Board meeting, 290 Executive Committee Meetings and more than 700 Agency committee and sub-committee meetings, 515 staff meetings and innumerable meetings in the community; 16 Provincial, 20 Municipal, 20 Jewish communal 19 United Way budget submissions and 14 Special Project Grants arranged from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments, the Addiction Research Foundation, Vanier Institute, Ontario Association of Family Service Agencies and the University of Toronto.

Best of all, were the hours serving the more than 350 Jewish families on my own caseload and the fruitful hours with the community in more than 500 Jewish Family Life Education Sessions I conducted.

Also the hours, sometimes days, spent at professional conferences, general assemblies, AJFCA, OACAS, OAFSA, OACMHC, CASW, OAPSW, OCCY, MAAC and all those other alphabetic meetings, the meetings of the TJC Executive Directors.

And then those hours spent with senior civil servants and politicians explaining, explaining, explaining . . . .

Thank you. They've all been good years.

Now – next year . . .

JEROME D. DIAMOND

JF&CS - WHA

J.F.L.E. - THE BEGINNINGS

When Jerry Diamond asked Elliot Larman to co-ordinate a Family Life Education Program in 1974 it was not entirely a new concept. J.F.&C.S. had run a F.L.E. program 10 years before, but it petered out.

The new aspect was the introduction of training non-professionals instead of social workers. Estelle Altman Training Resource Specialist believed it would bring Family Life Education in greater contact with the community. "We took a a risk. But then, so did they. They didn't know what to expect or where it would lead to".

WHAT IS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION?

It is a preventative program, carried out under the guidance of a trained group leader. It is not therapy. It encompasses problems encountered throughout the life cycle from childhood to old age, that are discussed in groups. The participant is actively involved in setting the goals and defining the needs of the group. In group discussion more people can be helped at the same time.

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION?

People started coming to the agency with problems that in past were regarded as normal "exigencies of life". For example, 50 years ago a girl learned through her family how to handle babies. Today a new mother is a novice to baby care. She often feels panicky and helpless. Talking about her problems with other mothers can alleviate her fear.

HOW ARE THE EDUCATORS CHOSEN?

A group leader must have a wealth of personal qualities – maturity, sensitivity, perceptiveness and honesty. Eighty applicants were interviewed last year for the course and only 15 were chosen.

The course runs for two years. Of the original 14 graduates, 10 are actively working as Family Life Educators, two have gone back to school, and two are working at J.F. & C.S. The second group is now interning with the graduates of two years ago.

J.F.L.E. - THE BASICS

Jewish Family Life Education offers two basic types of programs — those geared to the individual such as Young Mothers, Single Parents and Premarital Counselling which are arranged by the agency, and those offered to intact groups or organizations, such as youth groups, P.T.A.'s and Service Organizations. Groups are held at the Agency, synagogues, the "Y.M.H.A.", or people's homes.

Programs are often developed when a need is detected in the community.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1. Lifejourney of the Contemporary Jewish Women

The Jewish woman is looked at from a historical perspective and discussed in terms of traditional expectations. The various conflicts and pressures facing the modern Jewish woman are analyzed along with the resulting changes in role definitions.

2. Mothers and Daughters

Issues touched on by Nancy Friday are discussed.

3. Sex Education Programs

These are run with two B'nai B'rith chapters (boy and girl chapter) who are encouraged to ask questions about sex and partake in group discussions.

Discussions range from the mechanics of sex, birth control, reproduction, to additional problems, e.g. "If a boy takes me out and spends a lot of money, should I kiss him good night if I really don't want to?" The Jewish approach to intermarriage is also discussed at these groups.

4. Single Parenting

Single parents usually find their problems are not unique when they meet other single parents.

5. Children of Divorced Parents

This new group will be developed in conjunction with Allen Shep's Group Therapy program.

6. Mature Children of Aging Parents

This program is geared to meet the needs of those middle-aged men and women, who are caught between the demands of parenting their children and the demands of ailing parents in need of care.

7. Jewish Singles Introduction Program

Jo-Ann Ross-Freeman will be setting up initial introductions in this new program where Jewish adult singles, who have been out of the dating game, will be able to meet other elegible singles in a relaxed, informal, non-threatening atmosphere.

8. Aging

Aptly titled, "Being Seventy in the Seventies, and Eighty in the Eighties", this program tries to help the aged handle their changing lifestyle.

9. Strengthening the Jewish Family

Here the issues and concerns of raising a family are discussed e.g. interdating and intermarriage.

10. Establishing Roots in Toronto

This program tries to help the new Torontonian who asks, "we've been here six months now and we still hardly know the neighbours — how can we get to meet people?"

11. Premarital Programs

Most premarital programs are arranged by a rabbi, although several are arranged through the Agency. This program aims to reinforce the confidence of the young couple who are often frazzled by wedding plans.

12. Parenting Groups

Groups are arranged as to ages of children — preschoolers, young children, adolescents, and young adults — and parents discuss common anxieties.

13. Communication within the Family

Lack of communication between family members is at the root of many problems. Discussion of these problems will hopefully lead to better communication channels.

14. Young Married Groups

They discuss some of the problems of the first years of marriage. One question that might be asked as an ice-breaker is "What name do you call your mother-in-law?"

15. Death and Dying

Recently a bereavement program was held at the Adath Israel Synagogue. Those present shared common feelings; e.g. anger at the dead person and common emotions. Some expressed how reassuring it was to be able to share their feelings with others who understood.

If your group or organization would like to develop a Jewish Family Life Education Program specifically tailored to your membership's needs, call Elliot Larman 781-1592.

HAT WE ARE - WHAT WE DO!

SOME OF THE CHOSEN

Carrie Grossman, Francie Storm, Eleanor Miller and Maureen Feder.

DEBBIE COWITZ

Debbie Cowitz nursery school supervisor of Holy Blossom Temple says she took the Family Life Education course to further her own growth. She has found it helpful in dealing with parents and staff. She enjoys working with young parents the best because she feels she can give them the benefit of her experience.

MAUREEN FEDER

The mother of 3 teenagers and a 9 year old, Maureen had worked as a volunteer at the Agency. She had taken a number of psychology and group dynamics courses and was interested in becoming a Family Life Educator because it meant working in a group atmosphere with people, as well as enhancing her feelings as a Jew.

It was a rewarding experience. By becoming more introspective, she became more aware of who and where she was. Also it helped in her family life. She finds she listens more to her kids and helps them discover their own solutions. "If they need answers, I give them direction, but I let them find their own way."

She enjoys working with single parents and feels that meeting other people in the same position is the most important kind of support.

CARRIE GROSSMAN

"I've always been a frustrated, non-university student," confesses Carrie Grossman. "I've taken numerous non-credit university courses and extension courses. In fact I didn't take this course for self-fulfillment. I took it strictly as an academic exercise. I wanted to get into social work without having to go back to school."

In the process, Carrie has gained a new self-awareness: more important, she has learned not to be judgemental. Even though she may not agree with couples living together, she accepts it in a non-judging way, although it is contrary to her own value system.

She loves working with premarried and finds she gets caught up in their excitement. She also likes working with young parents concerned with creating a Jewish environment.

Carrie feels there is a desperate need for this kind of program "People that are lonely who meet other lonely people realize that their loneliness is not unique. There is comfort in sharing."

FRANCIE STORM

Francie Storm, 37, had reached the point in her life where she wasn't sure whether she wanted to go back to school. She felt she had developed certain skills in 12 years of volunteer work and wanted to make use of them.

Since becoming a Family Life Educator, she loves working with single parents the best. She enjoys watching the movement from beginning to end, seeing people growing on their own and setting up networks of friends. She educates them to the available alternatives. "We can all be in charge of our lives if we can cut down the cement blocks that we build up around ourselves."

ELEANOR MILLER

At age 56, Eleanor Miller is the oldest Family Life Educator. A former physiotherapist, she had been active in the volunteer community, especially in ORT where she was the executive director for 3 years. She wanted to become involved in the F.L.E. program because it combined community service with a new career. Also, although she had had a lot of book learning, she was anxious to experience a group-learning, growth-oriented program.

She loved the course because she met interesting people, developed new skills, and learned a lot about herself.

She has worked with many age groups — single, young married and the aged. However, her most satisfying session was with a group of 75 to 90 year olds at Baycrest. She was impressed by the intelligence, involvement, sensitivity and eagerness of the group. "They were wonderful," she exclaims.

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LIFE SKILLS GROUPS

The Jewish Family and Child Service Life Skills Groups are all co-ordinated by Shirley Feld, who can be reached at 781-1592. Groups in planning are:

1. Life Skills course for **mid-age people,** 40-60 at Lawrence Heights Recreational Centre, 5 Replin Road, 2:00-4:30 p.m. The focus is on learning and growing skills to improve lifestyle, e.g. building on your own personal strengths as well as friendship within the group. Other benefits will be the use of community resources, problem solving, and production of ideas about the use of leisure time.

2. Eleanor Miller is leading a **group for women,** 55-65 at the Centre for Creative Living, 15 Hove Street, Wednesday afternoons, 1:30-3:00 p.m. The group is exploring life skills to develop a more fulfilling life.

3. Ronnee Jaeger is starting a **co-ed young adult group** 18-30, meeting at Northview High School, Finch and Bathurst. This is a group for learning social skills, i.e. listening to others, speaking clearly, managing money.

4. Marsh Slivka is leading a **weight group for women** who have weight problems. This group will offer support activities and new techniques to aid in motivation. Beginning January 1980.

A downtown group for women 35-50 will be starting January. It will be called Strokes, and will be focussed on women's issues and is mainly for women who need socialization and are experiencing difficulties in coping with day to day living. This group will be held Wednesday afternoons 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the South Y, 750 Spadina Avenue. Gloria Stern is the group leader.

A father's group is looking for referrals. This group will be focussing on spending time more productively with children, how to get along better with children. The group will be conducted by Harvey Steinberg.

For further information on any of the above groups, contact Shirley Feld 781-1592.

IT CHANGED MY LIFE

Says RABBI TANENZAPF

What does a real estate agent, a dentist and a rabbi have in common? All three are studying to be Family Life Educators and in May, 1980, they will be three of the first male Family Life Graduate group in Toronto.

Elliott Larman, Family Life Education Co-ordinator is encouraged that men are showing interest in the course. He would like to see more men discussing their problems openly, looking honestly at themselves and their feelings.

Arthur Steuerman, a dentist who hopes to be a full time Family Life Educator when he retires, feels male educators give the groups a balance, especially in premarital group discussion.

Real estate agent, Ron Baker, notes. "Generally, women are the ones who will go to a discussion group to discuss problems. It is important to present the male point of view."

In discussing the course, Ron says he never realized the training and sensitivity needed to run a discussion group and he marvels at all the new skills he has gained.

Rabbi Sol Tanenzapf, a philosophy professor at York University, who is taking the course with his wife, agrees.

"I don't think a person can take this program without being changed. I found it has had a deep impact on my personal life and has changed me considerably. I've become more self-aware and more sensitive to other people's problems."

He feels he is now more professionally prepared to handle many of his rabbinical duties, especially in counselling the sick, the dying and the aged. He is more aware of ways in which he can help these people and the additional supports that he can refer them to.

ADOPTION UPDATE

By Dagmar Niffeler

The adoption picture at the Jewish Family and Child Service still remains discouraging for young couples wishing to adopt healthy Jewish infants. Since fewer babies are being made available for adoption, the waiting period is generally about three to five years.

However, we must make a plea for our children with special disabilities. Recently, we have become more hopeful that we will find adoptive homes for some of these children, and we extend our enthusiasm to those families who have been willing to consider this rewarding challenge. But we need more families who are willing to open their homes and their hearts to these special children with emotional or physical handicaps. We are willing to explore various alternatives for these children, who range from infants up to age five. For example, we would consider a foster home with option to adopt if all progresses smoothly. Also, with the new Ontario government legislation, long-term financial subsidies are available to adoptive parents to cover special expenses related to these childrens' problems.

We are willing to explore these ideas with any Jewish family who might possibly be interested in parenting these delightful but needy youngsters. **Please pick up the phone and call 781-1592.**

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